

History of the Land

The original homestead was 160 acres.
It grew to 320 acres in 1890.
It grew to 360 acres in 1892
It is now 252 acres

1884- Original section of Farmhouse was already built and on the property



1890 photograph of Homestead, with additions and trees ready to plant.

*** December 5, 1884 Patent- William & A.M. Dillingham, granted 160 acres**
from the U.S. government.
Chester A. Arthur, President

William built the original section of the Farmhouse, which was already there, with a bay window, when John and Mary arrived in Genesee. The Curio cabin may have been built as the first home for William & Mary Dillingham

**April 4, 1885- George & Arsula Jameson bought land from
A.M. & William Dillingham for \$1200**

*George soon gave up and left the plow in the field because the sunflower roots were too tough. Went to town and became the town blacksmith in Genesee.
George built the blacksmith shop on the farm and other out-buildings.*

December 1885- John & Mary Lorang rented land from George & Arsula Jameson

John had been camping near the farm since he began working in the Moscow mountains, chopping rails for the railroad. He loved this area and jumped on the chance to buy the land as soon as it was available.

**October 21, 1886. 9:00 a.m.- John & Mary Lorang bought 160 acres land
from George & Arsula Jameson for \$1100**

*** April 10, 1875. Patent- William J. & Mary White granted 160 acres**
from U.S. government. Ulysses S. Grant, President

**November 3, 1890- John & Mary Lorang and John's brother, Theodore Lorang
& Anna (Gesellchen) Lorang (Mary and Anna were also sisters)**
**-bid on and bought land for \$3520, annexed the White's spring and named the
entire farm the White Spring Ranch**

The Kitchen and Washroom additions of the Farm home were added in 1890. These most likely are from the farm home of the White family and as early as 1870. This would explain the handmade square nails in the additions, the sawdust in the walls and the fact that the kitchen floor fell through in the 1920's.

Several dozens of horses and cattle were bought by the partnership of John and his brother Theodore, even though the barn had not yet been built.

*** November 3, 1892. Patent- Clayton Jones granted 80 acres**
from the U.S. government, Benjamin Harrison, President

April 30, 1892- John & Mary Lorang bought 40 acres from Clayton Jones for \$1200
Clayton had yet to apply for the land patent when John and Mary bought it.

1898-Barn is built, barn dance is held



**November 14, 1900- Theodore & Anna Lorang sold their share of land
to John & Mary Lorang for \$1.00**

1904- Original sections of Farmhome are rearranged and the latest section of the Farmhouse is completed by John Lorang and 3 other carpenters, including George Steltz. John sells N.W. corner of land to Borgens. Some land goes to Hwy. Dept.



1910- Calf barn is built



1919-Bungalow for Henry & Marguerite is built, turned into chicken house in 1930's



Bungalow on upper right.

February 16, 1926- John Lorang died and Henry & Marguerite (Tobin) Lorang farmed the land.

Mary moved to Spokane in 1928

At John's death, land was worth \$25,000

February 2, 1938- Mary Lorang died and bequeathed the land equally among the 10 children.

... 1/10 of the property each.

Henry had been farming the land for 19 years, since 1919

November 13, 1951- After several years of discussion, 10 children negotiated for Henry to own the land. Henry paid \$14,000. Charles Lorang bought 100 acres for \$22,000 and planned to sell it back to Henry later, to help him through this transition.

Henry Lorang sold some land to the Hwy. Dept.

June 1, 1957- Henry leased land to his son Dan Lorang. Dan also worked at the Holsum Bakery in Lewiston for the next 23 years

October 14, 1958- Charles was paid \$22,000 and the 100 acres went back to Henry, the land Dan was leasing

February 1968- Henry sold land to Dan Lorang & Janet (Shollenberger) Lorang

Henry's \$50,000 debt is paid off.

Dan & Janet sons, Roch and Dreu's contributions were: Rewiring, re-plumbing, re-roofing and insulation the Farm home... Bracing original Log cabin roof... covering it with new roof, replacing base log on S.W. side of cabin and raising it up off the ground... built lean-to on Curio cabin to store artifacts from Henry's bedroom... keeping grounds... Donating 1 and 3/4 acres of land, Farmhouse, Log cabin and Curio Museum cabin, Woods and artifacts to non-profit White Spring Ranch Museum/Archive Library 501 (C)(3)

... Reunions every 5 years... Keeping grounds.

Since Nov. 1965, Janet and Dan had lived at the Ranch in the summers

And Lewiston in the winter.

Fall 1980- Dan & Janet Lorang move to Ranch... first winter in Genesee.

Ray Grieser leases crop land from Dan & Janet

1983- New home is built for Janet & Dan



1984- Janet & Dan Lorang move out of the Historical Farm home into newer home

Janet sold 8 acres to the Hwy. Dept.—c. 2006, 252 acres left.

**January 6, 2004- 1 and 3/4 acres, Historical Farmhouse, Log Cabin, and Curio Cabin
area surveyed and donated with a "Quit Claim" by Janet Lorang
... designated a National Historical Site. Travis Grieser, son of Ray leases crop land.**

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