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The following is an accurate account of my family's history on the land near Moscow, which was homesteaded by my Great Grandfather Henry Rogers in 1883. My great grandparents left Lane County, Oregon with 11 children and came to Moscow to take a 3 section tree claim homestead. They planted trees, built a home, barns and outbuildings and hand dug a well on this piece of land 2 ½ miles north of Moscow. Henry and his sons continued to farm this piece until 1897 when his son, Lester H, bought the homestead. Lester is my grandfather.

In 1898, my great grandmother Pauline died, but Henry stayed with his son Thomas, traveling around to his other children. Thomas married LaDessa Tritt in 1889 and they continued to live on this piece of ground. They had two sons, my father, Lester, and Lloyd. Thomas and Lester farmed together until Lester's early death in 1954, and Thomas died in 1965. LaDessa stayed on the farm and had it farmed as it currently is now. She died at the age of 100 in 1883. She asked that the land be sold and my mother, as executor, did not act very quickly. I grew up just down the road where my mother still lived, and I decided that I would offer to buy the homestead, which I did. The house was rented until I moved here and currently live in my grandmother Rogers house. Little has changed since I was growing up and spent so much time at this place, although the barns and the animals are not here and the large orchard has diminished as well. I continue to farm wheat, lentals, etc.

The land has not left the Rogers (or Rogers kin) since 1883 and it is enough to say that a long history is here and I hope it will continue after I am gone.

I appreciate and thank you for your interest and as you know this narrative could be many pages longer but I think you have a general idea of the length of this history.


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