

Benton county, oregon territory, august the 30th
1851. To the honorable to both houses of congress of the
united states of america in congress assembled. hon sirs
will this honorable body condēnd to take my humble request
in to consideration and do for me in this calamity what will
seem to be justice and equity to the eyes of a candid world
your memorialist came to oregon in the later part of the year of
1845 and left my family in the states with an intention of
exploring of this country and I took an claim of land according
to the laws of oregon in the month of november in the year of
1846 the laws of oregon required me to reside on the land in order
to hold the right on which caused me to continue on my land
and write to my family to come to me and I wrote every possible
chance but they recieved no letters from me until february 1850
and the letter had been writen very near 4 years before they got
it I recieved no letters from them until november 1850 since
that time I have recieved severel letters they write to me that
they cannot get ready to come to this country before 1852 the
distance is so great that it will not be in the power of my
family to get ready and migrate before the latter part of the year
of 1852 and the land law for oregon is so abstruse that the most
rapient men in oregon have conflicting opinions among them
wether I can hold my full rection of land or not as my
family cannot get to oregon before the time specified in the law
for single men to be married in order to be able to hold a full

full section of land. now your memorialist do ~~here~~ hereby
humbly solicit this honorable body, to grant to me and my
family the section of land that I had surveyed and
recorded in the year of 1846 according to ^{the} laws of oregon and have
occupied the same all the time until the present time and
I have complied with all ^{the} laws of oregon in every respect
and I have a large family, a wife and 9 children several of
them will not be of age in time to hold land for themselves
now hon sirs your memorialist will patiently wait for your
~~best~~ decision written & ~~is~~ arrigned by your very humble servant

Nimrod O Kelly

this is to certify that we the under signed are well
acquainted with nimrod o kelly, and we believe that
the substance and subject of the above memorial written
and arrigned by him to be just and true and we also
believe that he is justly entitled to a favorable decision of
congress

J. C. Peery

Alfred Kinshart