

Frank James Keough (1892) – 2nd homestead near Morrin, Alberta 1916
<https://archive.org/stream/albertahomestead2879cana#page/n2514/mode/1up>

Frank and Theresa's move north from Drumheller to Morrin may have been to be closer to family or for more promising prospects as a butcher. Or it may have been out of frustration in acquiring a homestead on the school lands near Drumheller. Whatever the reason, on October 4, 1916 Frank James Keough applied for a Homestead located on the South West quarter of Section 5, Township 32, Range 19 west of the 4th meridian. The application was assigned number 1818758. At the time, Frank was 23 years old, Theresa was 20 and their daughter Mary Ann was 18 months old.

Side bar Getting there:

From Morrin town centre, turn right and drive north on range road 203 about 1 mile to Township road 314. On the north east /right hand corner is the Morrin town cemetery. Turn east and drive 2 ½ miles to Highway 56. Cross Highway 56 and drive east for 3 miles. Turn left and head north for 1 mile on Range Road 194. At the next intersection, which should be Township Road 320, turn left and drive ½ mile west past the Montgomery farm. This is the old Homestead.

As you were driving east on Township road 314, 1 ½ miles east of Highway 56 you may have noticed the Golden Grain School house. This is the school Mary Ann Keough attended in 1923.

He stated his occupation as butcher and by acquiring the land, he may have hoped for a more reliable income as a farmer. In April, 1917 Frank began to build the family home on the new property. He would clear 23 acres in 1917 and plant crops on all 23 acres. Being a hard worker, Frank would clear another 33 acres in 1918 and 35 more acres in 1919. Each year he planted crops on the acres he cleared. During the first 3 years on the new homestead, his livestock holdings would increase from 2 horses and 1 cow to 7 horses and 7 cattle from 1917 to 1919.

Frank received his homestead patent letter on February 16, 1920 from the Department of the Interior Canada, Land Patent Branch, Ottawa.

1818758

3795973

Form A. FORM NO. 1
EM. 1911 (21-2-12)

No. 367203
58153

Application for Entry for a Homestead, a Pre-emption or a Purchased Homestead.

I, Frank James Keough
of Shrewsbury Alberta do hereby apply for an Entry
for a Hsd., under the provisions of Section _____ in that
behalf of the Dominion Lands Act, for the SW Quarter Section of Section number 5
in Township 32, Range 19 of the 4th Meridian.

(2.) I am a British subject.

(3.) I am a citizen (or subject, as the case may be) of _____, but I declare
that it is my intention to become a British subject under the laws of Canada.

Sig. Frank J. Keough
160

District MT 1916

NOTE.—Strike out paragraph 2 if applicant is not a British subject.
Strike out paragraph 3 if applicant is a British subject.

NOTE.—The statistical information called for below will be obtained and filled in by Agent when granting entry.

Number in family, including applicant, giving their ages.				COUNTRY OF BIRTH.	SUB-DIVISION OF COUNTRY OF BIRTH.	LAST PLACE OF RESIDENCE.	PREVIOUS OCCUPATION.
Male Adult	Female Adult	Children under 16	Total				
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>Canada</u>	<u>Ontario</u>	<u>Shrewsbury Alberta</u>	<u>Butcher</u>

DOMINION LANDS OFFICE
 CALGARY, ALTA.
 OCT 23 1916
 Subject to Payment of Improvements at Homestead Inspector's Valuation
 562630

Application date October 4, 1916

Shows that Frank James Keough was 23, his wife was 20 and they had 1 child.

Homestead location: Section 5, Township 32, range 19, West of the 4th

(From Morrin, Alberta, about 2 miles north and 2 miles east – check)

Occupation Butcher

8792878

Form B.

Affidavit in support of an Application for Entry for a Homestead, a Pre-emption
or a Purchased Homestead.

1, Frank James Keough
of Strumbheller do solemnly swear (or affirm, as the case may be),
that I am over eighteen years of age; that there is no person residing on the land herein applied for; that
there are ~~no~~ improvements which I value at \$1000 thereon; that there is not more than twenty-five (25) acres of merchantable
timber on the land.

(2.) That I have not heretofore obtained an Entry for a Homestead on Dominion Lands.

(3.) That I obtained Entry for a Homestead on the _____
day of _____, 19____, for _____ Quarter-section of
Section _____, Township _____, Range _____
of the _____ Meridian, but forfeited (or abandoned, as the case may be), the same.

(4.) That this application is made for my exclusive use and benefit, with the intention of my residing
upon and cultivating the said land, and neither directly nor indirectly for the use or benefit of any other
person or persons whomsoever.

(5.) That to the best of my knowledge and belief the land in respect of which my application is made
is agricultural land and open to Entry.

(6.) That my Homestead Entry is in good standing at this date.

Sig. Frank J Keough

Subscribed and sworn to this 14th
day of October, 1916
before me at Calgary

W. Kennedy
Land Agent,
(or Sub-agent, as the case may be.)

Mark.—Strike out paragraph 1 if applicant has already received homestead entry.
Mark.—Strike out paragraph 2 if applicant has not heretofore obtained an entry for a homestead on Dominion Lands.
Mark.—Paragraph 4 is applicable only in the case of an application for a pre-emption entry.

3546

Sworn Statement of W. L. Knoll
 of Sec. 22 Twp. 31 Rge. 20 of 4 Meridian, in
 reference to the application for patent of F. J. Keough
 for 1/4 of Sec. 1 Twp. 32 Rge. 12 of 4 Meridian.

1. What is your occupation, and how long have you known the applicant?
Farmer since 1914 to date -
on 22-31-20-4 on
from 01/1914 continuously
to date.

2. Where have you resided, where you have known the applicant, give places and dates?
on 22-31-20-4 on
from 01/1914 continuously
to date.

3. (a) When did he build his house? and (b) when did he commence actual residence thereon, making it his principal home?
on 22-31-20-4 on
from 01/1914 continuously
to date.

4. (a) What portion of each year since commencement of residence has he lived upon the land? Give actual dates.
on 22-31-20-4 on
from 01/1914 continuously
to date.

5. If his residence has been on land owned by himself, or fully authorized relative, describe such land, and give actual dates of residence together with father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister, as the case may be.
by Mrs. Keough
wife and 2 children
and 1 horse
some reside in office

6. Has the homesteader's family resided with him? Give actual dates.
on 22-31-20-4 on
from 01/1914 continuously
to date.

7. How much breaking, and what area has been cropped in each year upon his homestead?

Year 1	23	none	cropped	23
Year 2	33			33
Year 3	35			33
Year 4				
Year 5				

8. What stock of which applicant is owner has he had on his homestead or purchased land each year since date of performing duty?
1917-18-19
horses 2
bits 1
lumber 14x24 1700

9. What extent of fencing has he made on his homestead, and what is the present cash value thereof?
fenced since 1917
lumber 60x12 2500
lumber 16x24 2000
was 1000

10. What other buildings have been erected on his homestead? What other improvements have been made thereon, and what is the cash value of the same?
was 1000

11. Have you any interest, direct or indirect, in this application?
no

12. Do you believe the applicant has acted in good faith in obtaining his entry, and in making his application for patent?
yes

bona fide
Port Alberta
 To Wit:
W. L. Knoll of Morrin

I make oath and say that the answers to the foregoing questions are true and correct in every particular.
 SO HELP ME GOD.

Sworn before me at Rumsey
 this 10 day of Nov 1917

Having been first read over and explained to the Witness.

Pat Hodder
 Local Agent of Dominion Lands or Homestead Inspector.

for the Calgary District.

Sworn statement of
 W,L, Knoll of
 Rumsey Alberta

Frank began to
 build his new house
 when he filed for
 Homestead in April,
 1917 and has built
 on it continuously.

He cleared 23 acres
 in 1917 and
 cropped 23 acres.
 This increased to 33
 acres cleared in
 1918 and 35 acres in
 1919. Each year he
 cropped on the
 acres he cleared.

His livestock
 increased from 2
 horses and 1 cow to
 7 horse and 7 cattle
 from 1917 to 1919.

Sworn
 statement of
 Frank James
 Keough, a
 farmer from
 Morrin
 Alberta

Form No. 155
 20,000-2-11-16

Sworn Statement of Frank James Keough in support
 of his application for Homestead Patent for SW
 of 1/4 Sec. 5 Thp. 32 Rge. 19 of 4 Meridian.

1. What is your name in full, age, occupation and Post Office address?
Frank James Keough
27 - Morrin Morrin

2. (a) Are you a British subject at the present time? and (b) have you always been one? (c) are you a British Subject by Birth, Naturalization or Denization?
 Yes of birth

3. (a) When did you obtain homestead entry, and when did you build your house thereon, and (b) what was your common actual residence thence?
5626 50
from on land when I filed
April 1 - 1917
from April 1 - 1917
Continuous Residence
to date

4. What portion of each year since commencement of residence have you lived upon the land, giving actual dates?

5. When absent from your homestead where have you resided and what has been your occupation?

6. Of whom do your family consist; when did they first commence residence upon the homestead, and for what portion of each year since that date have they resided upon it?
Wife and 2 children
Wife and 1 child from
Morrin as by self

7. If residence has been performed on land owned by yourself or duly authorized relative, describe such land:--

8. (a) When (b) and how (c) was such land acquired?
 (a) (b) (c)
 (d) (e) (f)
 (g)

9. What buildings are on such land, and what is the present value thereof?
Clear in Timber
2-12-19

10. State each month or part of month you have resided on your land.

11. State each month or part of month you and your (Father, mother, son, daughter, sister, brother) have resided on the latter's land.

12. How much breaking have you done upon your homestead in each year since you obtained entry, and how many acres have you cultivated each year?

Year	17	18	19
acres broken	23	33	33
acres cropped	23	33	33

13. What stock of which various descriptions have you had on your homestead each year since date of perfecting entry?

Year	17	18	19
horses	2	5	7
cattle	1	7	7

Sworn
 statement of
 A.R. Lawson, a
 farmer from
 Morrin
 Alberta

Sworn Statement of A.R. Lawson
1/2 of Sec. 31 Twp. 31 Rge. 18 of 5 Meridian, in
 reference to the application for patent of F. J. Keough
 for 1/2 of Sec. 1 Twp. 32 Rge. 18 of 5 Meridian.

1. What is your occupation, and how long have you known the applicant?
farmer since 1894 basis.

2. Where have you resided, since you have known the applicant, give places and dates?
on the 31-31-18-44 in
house 1/4 of section 31-31-18-44
on when resided April 1-1917

3. (a) When did he build his house? and (b) when did he commence actual residence therein, making it his permanent home?
from April 1-1917
Continuously to date

3. (c) If his residence has been on land owned by himself, or duly authorized relative, describe such land, and give actual dates of residence together with father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister, as the case may be.
by himself

4. Has the homesteader's family resided with him? Give actual dates.
Wife and 2 children
from April 1-1917 to present

5. How much breaking, and what area has been cropped in each year upon his homestead?

Year 1	23	23	23
Year 2	33	33	33
Year 3	33	33	33
Year 4			
Year 5			

6. What stock of which applicant is owner has he had on his homestead or purchased land each year since date of perfecting entry?
1917-18-19
horses 2
cattle 1
horses 4 x 24-7000

7. What is the size of his house on his present homestead, and what material, and what is the present cash value?
2 1/2 x 24-7000

8. What extent of fencing has he made on his homestead, and what is the present cash value thereof?
20000
hedge 175.00
under family 2000
1000

9. Have you any interest, direct or indirect, in this application?
no

10. Do you believe the applicant has acted in good faith in obtaining this entry, and in making his application for patent?
yes

I, A.R. Lawson of Morrin
 make oath and say that the answers to the foregoing questions are true and correct in every particular.
 SO HELP ME GOD.

Sworn before me at Morrin this 10 day of July 1916
A.R. Lawson
 Having been first read over and explained to the Witness.
P. Woodcock
 Local Agent of Dominion Lands or Homestead Inspector.
 for the Calgary District.

4287025

11. What is the size of your house on your homestead, of what material, and what is its present cash value?
12. What other buildings have you erected on your homestead? If not other improvements have you made thereon, and what is the cash value of the same?
13. What extent of fencing have you made on your homestead, and what is the present cash value thereof?
14. Are there any indications of minerals or quarries on your homestead? If so, state nature of same, and whether the land is more valuable for agricultural than any other purpose.
15. Have you had any other homestead entry? If so, describe it and say what became of it.
16. Have you mortgaged, assigned or transferred, or agreed to mortgage, assign or transfer your present homestead or any part thereof? If so, when and to whom?

Lumber 14 x 24 - \$750.00
 Lumber 12 x 12 x 24 - 2000
 1000 - 10/1000
 Lumber from 10 x 12 x 7000
 Calgary June 1000
 or
 Signed
 J. M. Cook, Dominion
 Agent for Calgary
 or

Canada
 Province of Alberta

To Wit:
 I, Frank James Keough do solemnly swear that the answers to the foregoing questions are true and correct in every particular. That I claim a Patent for this Homestead under the provisions of the "Dominion Lands Act."

That I obtained an entry, and claim a Patent for the same for my own benefit, and not in the interest or for the benefit of any other person or persons whomsoever.

Sworn before me at Calgary SO HELP ME GOD.
Nov 31 1919 A.D. 1919 F. J. Keough
 Having first been read over and explained to the said applicant

J. Woodcock
 Agent of the Dominion Lands, or
 Homestead Inspector for the Calgary District.

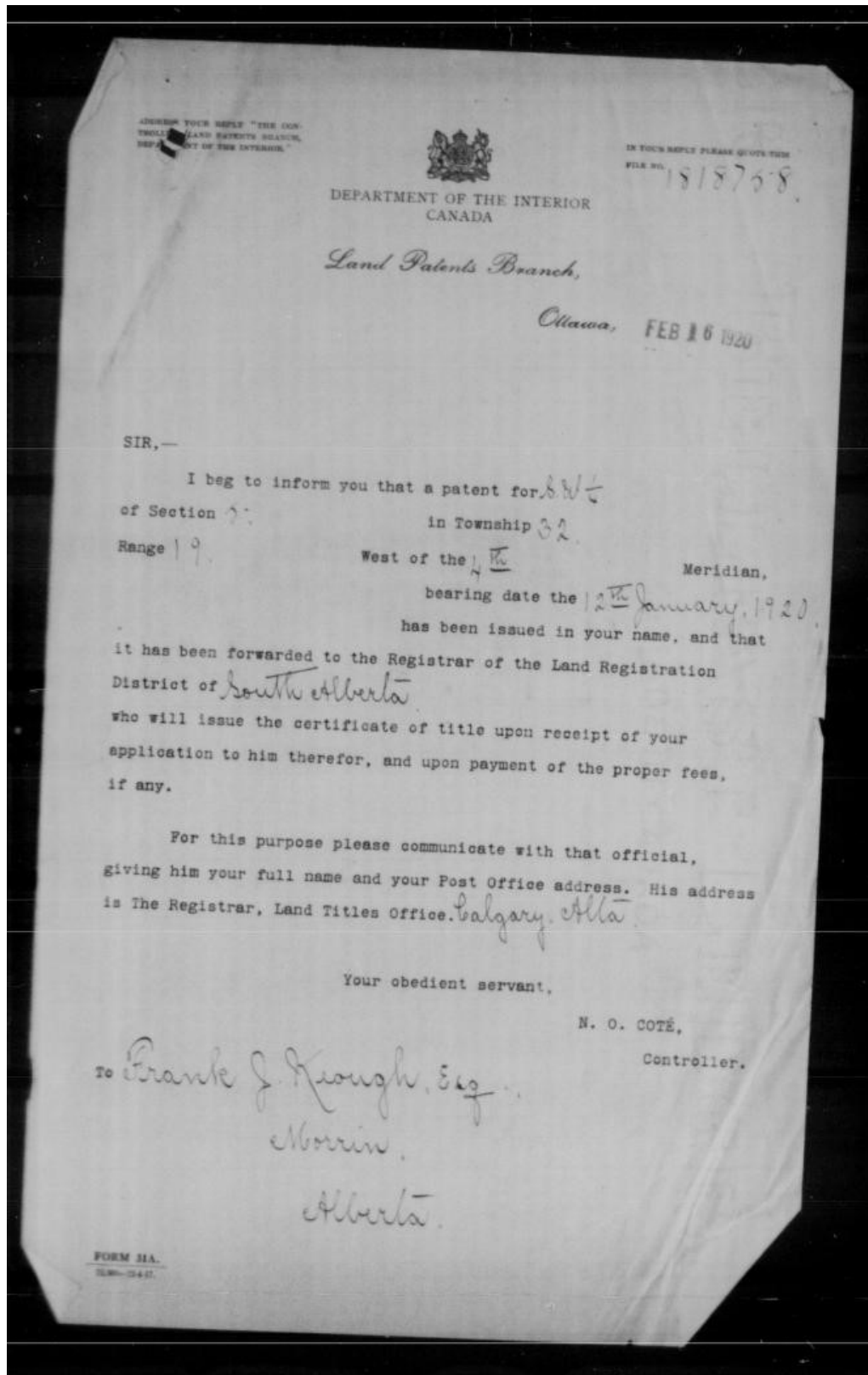
I recommend the foregoing application for Patent, believing that the homestead requirements of the "Dominion Lands Act" have, in this case been complied with.

Dated at Calgary Alberta
December 4 A.D. 1919
[Signature]
 Local Agent of Dominion Lands for Calgary District.

Ottawa, **DEC 20 1919** 19
 Accepted as sufficient,
[Signature]
 DEPUTY Commissioner.

I hereby certify that _____ has to-day produced evidence showing ownership of the _____ of Section _____ Twp. _____ Rge. _____ Mer., from the _____ day of _____ to the present time.
 Date _____ 19____

The Officer taking this application for patent is requested to exercise particular care that the name of the homesteader is given in full and correctly spelt.



Frank received his homestead patent letter on February 16, 1920 from the Department of the Interior Canada, Land Patent Branch, Ottawa.