

Written Profile

Farm: Cushman-Corkill Ranch

Location: Fallon, Nevada

Date of Origination: 1861

Industry Sector(s): Cattle, Corn, Potatoes, Sudan Grass, Grains



Discover the oldest continuously operating, family-owned ranch in the state of Nevada, as we explore the Cushman-Corkill Ranch. We are proud to share their story of **Agriculture's Lasting Heritage**.

The Cushman-Corkill Ranch in Fallon, Nev. was purchased in 1861 by Josiah Cushman. Cushman was the first to begin irrigating the lands of Churchill County, and his innovation proved beneficial to many pioneers of the time. Early western emigrants stopped at the Cushman Ranch to rest and feed their cattle before crossing the Sierra. Since its beginning, cattle have been produced on the ranch, and hay was originally grown and freighted throughout the West. After irrigation came to the valley and the Newlands Project was established, corn, potatoes, Sudan grass and small grains were also produced. Four generations have lived and worked on this property, and the family intends to keep it as a working ranch.

Josiah Cushman met his first wife, Mary, when her family stopped at his ranch before pressing on for California. Josiah Cushman had two children with Mary and seven children by his second wife, Elizabeth. The youngest of these children was Pete Cushman, who ran the ranch with his brothers and mother after Josiah's death in 1913.

Pete and his wife Mabel remained on the property until it was purchased by the Corkill Brothers in 1969, nine years after their daughter Bunny married Bill Corkill. Bill and Bunny's son, Bruce, now operate the ranch with his wife, Mitzi. They have a son, Jade, and a daughter, Bailey, who also love life on the family ranch.

The story of the Cushman-Corkill ranch reminds us that farmers and ranchers have impacted the development of our nation in many ways. We extend our appreciation to the family for their dedication to the land, as we celebrate their contribution to **Agriculture's Lasting Heritage**.



Cushman family showing (from left) Elizabeth McCulloch Cushman, Dottie Prine, Pete Cushman, Mary McCulloch Tunney, and Josiah Cushman circa 1903-1904



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