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I joined the USDA, ARS, NCGR, (National Clonal Germplasm Repository) in Corvallis, Oregon as Unit Secretary in May of 2003 and was promoted to Program Support Assistant in December of 2006. Prior work experience includes 17 years for the Corvallis, Oregon school district as Administrative Support for six different principals,

over those 17 years, at a school for adjudicated/mental health placed residents of a treatment facility. Before that I was a greenhouse technician/groundskeeper for 7 years for the University of Texas systems located in Arlington and Denton, Texas. Both previous job experiences prepared me to work for ARS at one of their 26 plant repositories throughout the United States.

I'm a native Oregonian who transplanted to Texas for 14 years before returning.

I have two grown sons, a beautiful daughter-in-law, and 4 siblings with many nieces, nephews, cousins, etc. in Oregon and Nebraska, where my parents originated and migrated from in the 1930s. I enjoy spending time with family and friends, tying flies for fly fishing, and fly fishing every chance I get.