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40 NEW CENTURY
FARMS ANNOUNCED

Forty Oregon families still operating farms their families settled over a century ago have added their names to the growing list of Oregon Century Farms this year. The total now registered is 456.

Announcement of the list of new Century Farms was made this week by J. F. Short, state director of agriculture, and Thomas Vaughan, director, Oregon Historical Society, sponsors of the Century Farm Program.

Climax of this year's Century Farm search will be the presentation of the Century Farm Certificates by Gov. Mark Hatfield at a special program arranged at the Oregon State Fair August 31.

This year's farms represent 11 counties. ~~Ham~~ ^{Lin} County leads in farm numbers, with 11, and also has the only farm operated by a son of the founder. He is Jasper Merle Nighswander, Route 3, Box 404, Eugene, whose father, Francis Marion Nighswander, settled the farm in 1862.

Two counties east of the Cascades are represented this year. They are Umatilla, with one farm, and Union, which has two. It is the first time since 1958, the year the program was initiated, Eastern Oregon Counties have been represented. In 1958 Wasco County had three Century Farms.

Three farms are tied for the honor of being the oldest. All date back to 1848. Two are in Lane County and owned by John Arthur Stoneberg, Route 2, Box 433, Eugene, and Marvin M. Stoneberg, P. O. Box 226, Coburg. The third, owned by Asel C. Eoff, 8162 State Street, Salem, is in Marion County. All are owned and operated by great-grandsons of the original owners.

Nine of the farms still have some of the original buildings.

Fifteen of the 40 farms were originally settled by Missourians and nine of the original owners came from Illinois. Iowa was next with four.

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The Century farms, listed by county with addresses and the year the farm was founded are:

BENTON COUNTY

Dan Tracer, Route 3, Box 743, Junction City (farm in Benton County), 1852.

CLACKAMAS COUNTY

James H. and Mary W. Morris, Route 2, Box 214, Canby, 1864.
Mr. and Mrs. Boyd C. Ringo, Route 1, Box 209, Mulino, 1865.

DOUGLAS COUNTY

Frederick G. and Jane R. Applegate, Route 1, Box 12, Yoncalla, 1865.
Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Moore, 965 N. W. Harlan, Roseburg, 1852.
George M. and George A. Wilcox, Star Route, Box 52, Oakland, 1864.
Merton Bradshaw, Little Butte Star Route, Box 170 Eagle Point, 1859.
Lewis T. Buckley, Route 1, Box 56, Jacksonville, 1854.

LANE COUNTY

Ray C. and Marjorie E. Bond, Route 1, Box 706, Eugene, 1853.
Mabel Cox, 635 Maple Street, Junction City, 1852.
Miss Alsea Hawley, South Highway 99, Cottage Grove, 1853.
Mrs. Tobias Jacobson, Route 1, Junction City, 1854.
Brochner and Arlene Cox Mikkelsen, 174 Willamette Drive, Junction City, 1852.
Mrs. Ada B. Millican, 13055 McKenzie Highway, Springfield, 1865.
Jasper Merle Nighswander, Route 3, Box 404, Eugene, 1862.
William W. Porter, 1351 Jefferson Street, Eugene, 1859.
Manley A. Spores, Route 1, Box 93, Springfield, 1857.
John Arthur Stoneberg, Route 2, Box 433, Eugene, 1848.
Marvin M. Stoneberg, P. O. Box 226, Coburg, 1848.

LINN COUNTY

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Goodman, Route 1, Box 53, Harrisburg, 1852.
Myrvle Jerome Looney, Route 1, Box 58, Tangent, 1865.
Suzie E. Newton, Crawfordsville, 1862.
Miss Bernice Owen, Route 2, Box 33, Harrisburg, 1851.
Clarence A. Powell, Route 2, Box 123, Lebanon, 1863.
John M. Pugh, Box 44, Shedd, 1861.
Harold L. Shedd, Route 1, Box 117, Shedd, 1865.

MARION COUNTY

Asel C. Eoff, 8162 State Street, Salem, 1848.
Evanelle Esson Ewing (Mrs. Thomas P.), Route 1, Box 131, Brooks, 1861.
Hugo P. Keil, Route 2, Box 110, Aurora, 1856.
Mrs. Noma (cq) L. Kister, Route 2, Box 489, Canby, 1855.
Mrs. Wilbur W. Miller, 9905 Edmunson Drive, S. E., Salem, 1863.
Alvin J. Van Cleave, Route 2, Box 404, Salem, 1865.

POLK COUNTY

Ruth E. Vaughn, Route 1, Box 810, Salem, 1850.

UMATILLA COUNTY

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Lieuallen Sr., Box 186, Weston, 1864.

UNION COUNTY

Mabel F. Anson, No. 6 Depot Street, La Grande, 1862.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney E. Miller, Box 182, Union, 1863.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Fischbuch, Route 4, Box 39, Sherwood, 1861.

Stanley T. Lee, Gaston, 1861.

YAMHILL COUNTY

~~Harold L. and Helen D. Mendenhall, Route 2, Box 79, Willamina, 1859.~~

Mrs. George S. (Oka S.) Zimmerman, Route 2, Box 12, Yamhill, 1863.

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NELSON ELECTED
VICE PRESIDENT

Roy Nelson, chief of the livestock division, Oregon Department of Agriculture, was elected vice president of the National Livestock Brand Conference at its annual meeting in mid-July in Craig, Colorado.

Nelson and Mrs. Wilma Russell, state brand recorder for Oregon, were both on the program for the Colorado meeting.

Nelson outlined Oregon's brand inspection program and the state's theft investigation procedures and explained the organization and function of the Oregon Beef Council. Mrs. Russell participated in a panel discussion on brand recording.

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Phone: 665-3068

Mrs. Imogene Mallett of 1827 N. W. Division, Gresham, called to say her family had owned until four years ago the oldest farm in Oregon. near Salem. It was so pronounced at the State Centennial celebration of Century Farms in 1959. Family farm of the Moisan's.

Independence Oregon
Aug 11, 65

J. F. Short state director of agriculture,
128 N.E. 12th Salem Oregon

Dear Sir, -

I'm writing you in regard to a
Century Farm, & the rules for membership.
This farm has been in continual
ownership of the James & Elizabeth
Smith, pioneers, by 1864 and before
my grandparents moved to this farm,
in Lewisville community, in 1864
~~my grandparents moved to this farm~~
a few years when Camp Adair
forced us to sell to the govt. (couldn't
an exception be made for this forced
sale) when Camp Adair disbanded
my daughter & husband purchased the
farm and have & are living on
the farm since & now,

If more information is needed I
can be contacted by phone, the only

draw back I know if will be the
few years it was govt owned &
included in Camp Adair, up until
the forced sale then as soon as it
was put up for sale again &
continuing until today, it has
been owned by the descendants of
James & Elizabeth Smith who
settled in Lewisville community
in the ^{late} early 1850's or 1860.

my grandparents who lived on
this farm was Benjamin Franklin
Smith and Rachel Martha Smith
who moved to this farm in 1864,
^{were owners,}

Thank you,
I hope I've written to the correct
place for information,
(m) Jora Ann Smith Embree
R/ Box 2-B
Independence Oreg

phone 838-1975
residents today are G. & Bealuce Hiebenthal