

Century Farmers To Be Honored At State Fair

Forty-three farms still tilled by descendants of their founders after passing of a century or more have been added to Oregon's Century Farm list this year.

The new additions bring to 501 the number of farms carrying the "Century Farm" designation since the program was started in 1958 by the Oregon Department of Agriculture and Oregon Historical Society. Registration for Century Farms was yearly through 1960, then was placed on a five-year basis.

The new "Century Farmers" will be presented their certificates at a program at the 1970 Oregon State Fair.

Yamhill county has the oldest farm on the 1970 list. It dates back to 1845 and was founded by N. K. Sifton, great grandfather of the present owners. The farm has been divided three times but still contains 247 acres of the 680 acres settled by its founder.

Second oldest is that of a Scio brother and sister, Tom and Jane Thielsen, Route 1, Box 8,

Scio, the great-great-grandchildren of the founder, Preston Munkers. The farm presently contains 455 acres. Though the land was settled several years earlier the final deed to the donation land claim of 640 acres was signed by Abraham Lincoln. The deed is still in the possession of the family.

Two Clackamas county farms and one farm in Linn county date back to 1847.

Baker county is represented by Century Farms this year for the first time since the program was started. It has two farms on the list: Chandler Herefords, Inc., now 2,700 acres in size and containing all of the original farm; and a 150-acre farm owned by Jessie Osborn Sturgill.

Several of the farms on this year's list contain all of the original acreage and some have original buildings still in use.

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

Baker County—Chandler Herefords, Inc., Route 1, Baker, 1864; Jessie Osborn Sturgill, 2646 Main Street, Baker, 1860.

Benton County—Mr. and Mrs. Glen Franklin Rickard, Route 3, Box 731, Monroe, 1860.

Clackamas County—Charles W. Daugherty, Route 1, Box 83, Molalla, 1864; Mr. and Mrs. Estes D. Gribble, 1920 N.E. Country Club Drive, Canby (farm located at Route 2, Box 378, Canby) 1947; Mrs. Clarence D. Kruse, 8501 S.W. 7th Ave., Portland (farm located at 4550 S.W. Carman Drive, Lake Oswego) 16256 S. Hatten Road, Oregon City, 1847; Mr. and Mrs. Harvey L. Moshberger, Route 2, Box 262, Estacada, 1864.

Coos County—Mr. and Mrs. George William Smith, Coos River Route, Box 206, Coos Bay, 1864; Jack B. Warner, Gaylord Station, P.O. Box 48, Myrtle Point, 1866.

Crook County—Mabel Slayton Graffenberger, Route 1, Box 510, Prineville, 1869.

Douglas County—Henry Beckley, P.O. Box 518, Elkton (farm located at Mehl Creek Road on the Umpqua River), 1859; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Fortin, P.O. Box 121, Umpqua, 1869; LaBrie Ritchie, Route 2, Box 860, Roseburg (farm located at Garden Valley), 1866.

Jackson County—Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Carr, 5055 Fern Valley Road, Medford, 1869; Mrs. Leonard Clawson, 5025 Fern Valley Road, Medford, 1869; Mr. and Mrs. Lorin M. Scott, P.O. Box 277, Applegate, 1857.

Lane County—True F. Bigelow, 14020 McKenzie Highway, Springfield, 1868; Mr. and Mrs. Dwane K. Richardson, Route 1, Box 244, Junction City, 1848; Mr. and Mrs. Clair A. Stephens, Route 1, Box 700, Veneta, 1867.

Linn County—Merle C. and Mertice B. Buchner, Route 2, Box 491, Lebanon, 1850; H. C. Coon, Route 1, Box 189, Shedd, 1850; Edythe A. Frum, 716 E. 5th Avenue, Albany (farm located at Route 1, Box 268, Brownsville), 1847; Floyd D. Jenks, Route 1, Box 148, Tangent, 1868; Marlowe D. and Melvin C. Jenks, Route 1, Box 146, Tangent, 1866; Marguerite M. Peery, Route 3, Box 198, Scio, 1870; Miss Cecyl M. Savage, Route 3, Box 60, Lebanon, 1865; Jane and Tom Thielsen, Route 1, Box 8, Scio, 1846.

Marion County—Walter Louis Sprogis, Route 1, Box 99, Aurora, 1864.

Polk County—Perry A. Wells, Route 1, Box 78, Independence, 1867.

Union County—Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Heyden, Route 1, Box 398, La Grande, 1864; Mr. and Mrs. Clyde H. McKenzie, Route 1, Box 9, Summerville, 1868; Mr. and Mrs. George Royes, Sr., Imbler, 1868.

Wasco County—Mr. and Mrs. Glenn R. Cooper, Route 2, Box 153, The Dalles, 1869; Richard L. Renken, Route 1, Box 124, The Dalles, 1862.

Washington County—Waldo R.

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