

# Six area farms get Centennial honors

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Six Clark County farms are among 395 statewide to be honored this year as Centennial Farms by the Washington Department of Agriculture.

The Centennial Farm program, created for the state's 100th birthday this year, recognizes Washington farms that have remained in the same family for 100 years or more.

The Department of Agriculture sought out 100-year family farms in a recent survey, said Vicki Flynn, coordinator of the state effort.

The Clark County farms included in the effort are:

- The Dennis Frasier farm, Rt. 1 Box 117K, Amboy. Purchased Dec. 15, 1882 by Frasier's grandparents, Enoch and Daisy Hazen. Enoch was a farmer, carpenter, trapper and cattleman. The existing home was built in 1876. Twenty of the original 121 acres remain.

- The Alfred Wright farm, 38913 S.E. 70th St., Washougal. Purchased Jan. 13, 1877, by Stephen and Sarah Wright. The farm is about five miles east of Washougal. Alfred Wright, a grandson of the purchasers, is a lifelong resident on the property. Stephen

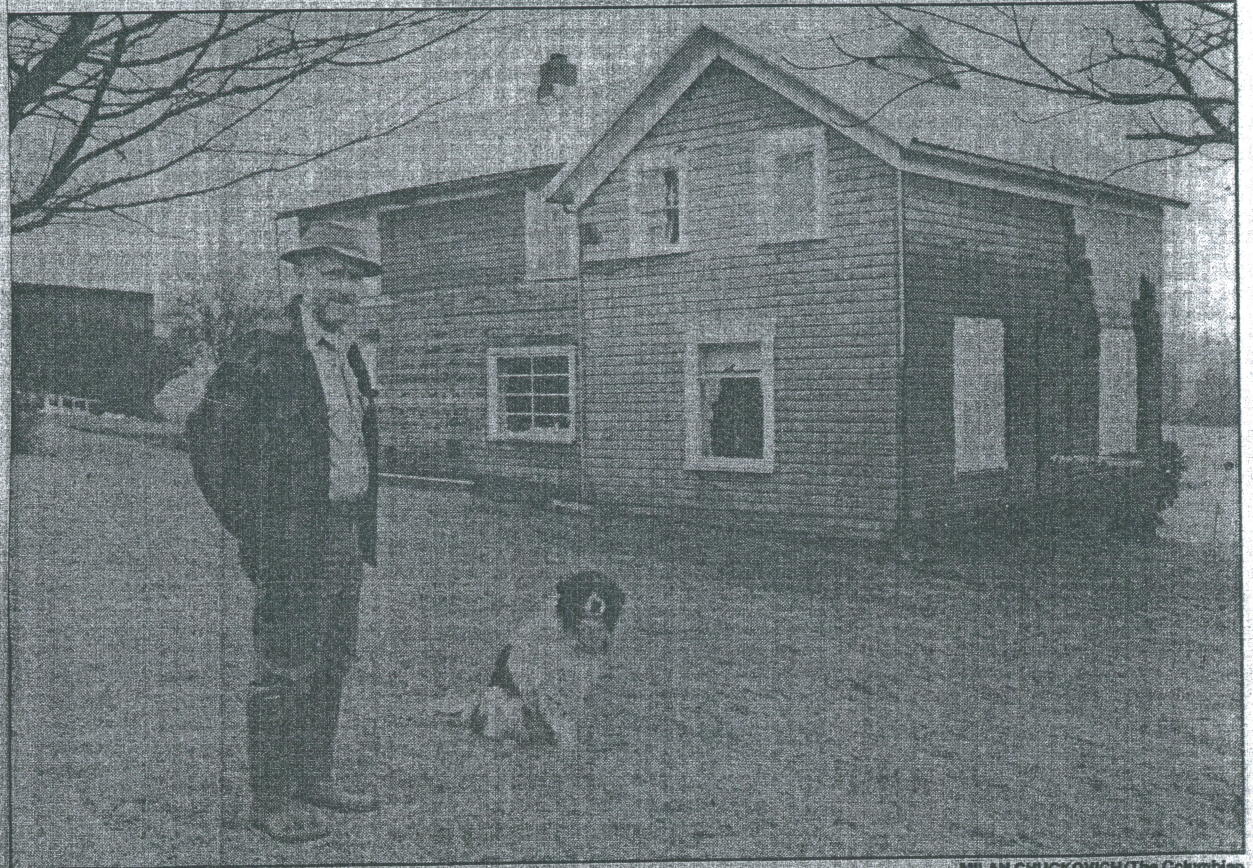
Wright raised horses for trucking and hauling. Eighty acres of the original 160-acre farm remain.

- The Kent Anderson farm, Rt. 2 Box 409, La Center. Purchased June 20, 1865 by Magilbra and Caroline Anderson, Kent Anderson's grandparents. The home occupied today was built in 1901. Of the original 160 acres, 59 remain with the family. The Anderson farm is about a mile east of La Center on County Road 41.

- The Timothy O'Keefe farm, 17602 N.E. 182nd Ave., Brush Prairie. Purchased Oct. 24, 1881 by Leonard and Louise Brown, grandfather to O'Keefe. The original barn on the 69-acre parcel is still in use. The farm is located about a mile north of Hockinson.

- The Laine Mattson farm, 18202 N.E. 202nd Ave. Purchased March 1, 1883, by John Mattson, Laine Mattson's great-grandfather. The original farm had 140 acres. It now has 81 acres primarily in hay and timber. The original barn and portions of the original house are still in use. This farm is also located near Hockinson.

- The Bill Zimmerman farm, 9316 N.E. 119th St. Purchased in 1872 by Gabriel and Jeannette Zimmerman, the great-grand-



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Dennis Frasier's Amboy farm has been in the family for 107 years, one of six "Centennial" farms in Clark County to be recognized this year by the state Department of Agriculture.

parents of Bill Zimmerman. The couple had nine children. Gabriel Zimmerman was a brickmaker, but the couple also raised hay and cattle. The full list of state Centennial farms will be featured in a book to be published by the Department of Agriculture this spring, Flynn said.