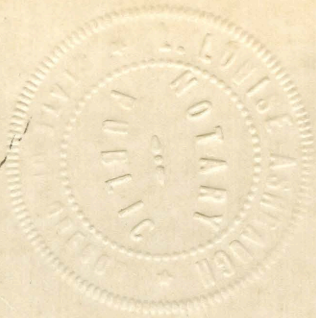


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Elizabeth Knotts Owens

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of July, 1958.



L. Louise Asbaugh
Notary Public

My Commission Expires April 5, 1962

CENTURY FARM PROGRAM

This is a program sponsored by the Oregon Historical Society and the State Department of Agriculture to honor all the farm families in Oregon who have worked the same land, or part of it, for 100 years or more.

Requirements to Qualify

1. A farm is 3 acres or more of land producing agricultural products worth \$150 or more each year. (U. S. Census definition.)
2. A Century Farm will be one owned or managed continuously since the calendar year 1858 or earlier in the same family--passing through brothers or sisters, or sons or daughters, to their children's children or adopted children. Present owners or owner-manager must be persons now living in Oregon.
3. Farmers seeking to qualify must submit affidavit or other certification of continuous ownership to the County Judge of the county in which the land lies. Closing date: July 20.
4. The County Judge will accept or reject the claim to ownership and submit his decision to Robert J. Steward, Director, State Department of Agriculture, Salem, before August 1.
5. The Oregon Historical Society will award each qualifying family a handsome document conveying proof of Century Farm ownership. This will be presented by the Governor in a colorful ceremony at the Oregon State Fair.
6. In event of joint occupancy, each family will receive a document.

I certify that I am the granddaughter of William Knotts and Silva Knotts, who took Donation Land Claim #45, Sections 13, 14, 23 and 24, Twp. 11 S., R. 5 W. in 1858, and I still own and operate 340 acres of the Claim.

May 5, 1958

Elizabeth Knotts Owens

Approved:

[Signature]
County Judge

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Corvallis, Oregon,
October 21, 1958.

Judith Scharf, Public Service Representative
Oregon Historical Society,
Portland 1, Oregon

Dear Madam:

A few weeks ago we wrote you about the Century Farm Family certificates issued to Elizabeth Knotts Owens and Thomas J. Owens. The date "1858" appears on each, whereas it should be "1848". We would like to have the date correct, and inquired of you as to what can be done toward that end.

So far we have not received a reply nor has our letter been returned, so we are wondering if it is possible our letter may have been lost in the mail.

We shall appreciate very much your assistance in getting the correct date on these certificates.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth J. (Mrs. T. S.) Owens

Thomas J. Owens

Route 1, Box 199
Corvallis, Oregon

*Bentley
William + Silas Knotts
1848*

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Corvallis, Oregon,
September 26, 1958.

Judith Scharf,
Oregon Historical Society
235 S.W. Market St.
Portland, Oregon

We are writing you in regard to the certificates
which we received on the Century Farm Program.
The dates appear "1858" while they should be "1848".
Should we send these in, or will you kindly advise
us on what to do?

We shall appreciate your help in this, and wish
to add our compliments to you who were responsible
for getting so much work done in connection with
this project.

Elizabeth Knotts Owens
Thomas J. Owens
Route 1, Box 199
Corvallis, Oregon

*Am sorry to be slow in writing about
this, but illness in the family has
made it difficult to get things done -*

Benton

October 29, 1958

Elizabeth K. Owens
Thomas J. Owens
Route 1, Box 199
Corvallis, Oregon

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Owens:

Please pardon the long delay in answering your letters of September 26 and October 21. I delayed in order to present the calligrapher with any Century Farm corrections at one time.

We will arrange to have your certificate corrected from 1858 to 1848. Please mail the certificates to the Oregon Historical Society, and I will have them returned as soon as possible.

Would you correct your affidavit and return it for our files.

Sincerely,

Judith Scharf
Public Service Representative

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