

CFR 0062

Mr. Russel B. Herndon

APPLICATION FOR CENTURY FARM HONORS

Deadline for filing applications - May 1, 1985

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT:

Your name (Mr., Mrs., Ms.) Mr. Russel B. Herndon

Your address: 29702 Nicewood Drive, Halsey, Oregon 97348
Street, Route, or Box Town Zip

Location of Farm: Halsey Linn
Address County

To qualify as a Century Farm, a farm must have not less than 10 acres with a gross income from farm use of not less than \$500 per year for three out of the five years immediately preceding application for Century Farm Honors. Does your farm meet this qualification? yes

Name of family member who was founder or original owner of farm Martin Cummings -- whose adopted son is Russel Herndon

(Martin's father farmed the land, till he was old enough) born & raised
Year founder settled on farm: 1880 Where did he come from? in Linn County

Who farms the land today? grandson Tommy R. Herndon

What relation are you to original owner? (I - Edith Herndon, am daughter-in-law)

Are any of the original buildings still in use? no

If you know crops or livestock raised on farm one hundred years ago please list:

Cattle and hogs, and wheat, oats & vetch

What do you raise on farm today? grass seeds

How many generations live on farm today (Names)? Two -- Parents, Russel and Edith Herndon, and son, Tommy

How many times as the original farm been divided? Has been added to -- not divided

Do you declare that the statements made above are accurate and correct to the best of your knowledge? Yes

Return form to:

Russel B. Herndon
Signature of Owner

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Your name (Mr. ~~Mr.~~ ~~Mrs.~~, Ms.) Russel B. Herndon

29702 Nicewood Drive
Halsey, Oregon 97348

Your address _____

Street, Route, or Box _____ City _____ ZIP Code _____

Location of Farm 29702 Nicewood Drive 4 miles west of Halsey, Lincoln

Halsey, Oregon 97348 _____
Address _____ County _____

To qualify as a Century Farm, a farm must have no fewer than 10 acres with a gross income from farm use of not less than \$500 per year for three out of the five years immediately preceding application for Century Farm honors.

Does your farm meet this qualification? yes

Name of family member who was founder or original owner of farm _____

Martin Cummings

Founder gained ownership of farm in (Year) 1887 ATTACH VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION.
(see rule 9)

Founder came to Oregon from (Cummings' were born + raised in Oregon)

Who farms the land today? Russel Herndon's son, Tommy F. Herndon

Relationship to original owner grand son

Are any of the original buildings still in use? no If so, which ones?

If you know crops or livestock raised on farm one hundred years ago, please list:

corn, wheat + livestock

What do you raise on the farm today? grass seeds

How many generations live on the farm today? one Please list names: _____

Edith + Russel Herndon

Do you declare that the statements made above are accurate and correct to the best of your knowledge? yes

PLEASE RETURN FORM TO:

Russel B Herndon
Signature of Owner

Century Farm Program
Oregon Historical Society
1230 S.W. Park Avenue
Portland, Oregon 97205

STATEMENT FORM

I, Russel B. Herndon, hereby affirm
(print name)

and declare that the farm which I own at 29702 Nicewood drive,
(full address)

Halsey, OR 97348, in Linn County,

shall have been owned by my family as specified in Rule 2 of the
RULES FOR 1990 CENTURY FARM PROGRAM for at least one hundred years by
no later than December 31, 1990.

Russel B. Herndon
Signature

- - - - - Acknowledgement (for use of Notary Public) - - - - -

STATE OF OREGON

County of Linn

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 6th day of June,

19 88, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for

said County and State, personally appeared the within named

Russel B Herndon

known to me to be the identical individual described in and who

executed the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he

executed the same freely and voluntarily.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto
set my hand and affixed my official
seal the day and year last above written.

Clifford A. Davis
Notary Public for Oregon

Commission Expires July 9, 1990



LINN

April 11, 1985

Sir,

Thank you for your letter of inquiry concerning our "century farm". We would appreciate your expertise.

Russel B. Herndon has lived on this farm for 70 years, since he was adopted by Martin and Perle Cummings, at age 5.

The family records show that Martin Cummings was "given 200 acres, at his birth, September 24, 1880, upon being named MARTIN, after Martin (and Mary) Costello" who owned the land.

We do have photo-copies from the Linn County Court House. However, the probated Costello documents are dated 1887. Upon reading the many pages, it becomes very apparent that the 200 acres, and the description thereof, were set aside and apart from all other Costello real and personal property, for MARTIN CUMMINGS. (Would the age of accountability enter into this?)

Martin Cummings purchased more acres. (As he lived and farmed.)

Russel Herndon, the adopted son, has farmed those acres until his retirement two years ago.

At present, our son, Tommy R. Herndon is doing the farming and has added another 50 acres. He will inherit the farm.

We have tried to keep the original appearance, and thru' three generations take great pride in our farm. The crops are changing from corn, wheat and livestock, to grass seeds.

We will be happy to send you the photo-copied legal documents. Also, answer further questions, as we would like to complete this 'bit of history' while we are able.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Russel Herndon

Russel B. Herndon
29702 Nicewood Drive
Halsey, Oregon 97348
Phone 369-2530

*called
4/24 -
she'll apply +
send copies of
what she has.*

LWN

April 30, 1985

Mr. and Mrs. Russel B. Herndon
29702 Nicewood Drive
Halsey, Oregon 97348

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Herndon:

Thank you for sending your application for the Century Farm Program and the accompanying documents.*

I have shown all of your materials to Elizabeth Buehler, our Field Historian, and we have to conclude on the basis of what you have sent that your farm will be qualified as a century farm in 1987, but is not qualified this year. We hope you will reapply for the 1990 award period; the forms are not yet available but we will send them to you as soon as they are.

The basic problem is that since it was apparently legally necessary for Mary Jane Costello to will the 200 acres to Martin Cummings upon her death in 1887, the land must not have been legally in his possession prior to that time. Even if the land was verbally promised to Martin upon his birth it did not become legally his property until Mrs. Costello's death.

If we can clarify this for you or provide additional assistance, please let us know. We do appreciate your interest in the Century Farm Program and very much hope you will apply in 1990.

Thank you also for sending the interesting photo (returned herewith) of Mr. and Mrs. Costello. Our photographic archives librarian is always happy to receive old photos of historical significance, and we hope you will consider donating yours when you reapply. Many thanks!

Sincerely,

Charles F. Wellman
Coordinator, Century Farm Program

* also returned herewith



Oregon Historical SOCIETY

1230 S.W. PARK AVENUE, PORTLAND, OREGON 97205

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Linn

November 30, 1989

Mr. & Mrs. Russel B. Herndon
29702 Nicewood Drive
Halsey, OR 97348

See 1985 for
Records/docs.
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Dear Mr. & Mrs. Herndon:

Thank you very much for your note concerning the Century Farm Program. I was additionally pleased to learn of your association with the Linn County Historical Society who appreciate your interest and support.

According to my records, your application for the **MARTIN CUMMINGS FARM** was received in good order and was acknowledged on June 22, 1988. Your application will not require any further information as you have already provided sufficient documentation to qualify for Century Farm Honors. Please accept our congratulations!

The presentation of Century Farm certificates will be during the summer and fall of 1990 and will be coordinated with a Linn County Historical Society meeting. I'll notify you as soon as I can arrange such an event.

The supplier of the metal Century Farm sign is-

Traffic Safety Supply Company
2324 S. E. Umatilla
Portland, OR 97202

Telephone 235-8531

I just checked on the price, which is still \$60.00.

Please don't hesitate to call or drop a note if you need any further information.

Sincerely,

Ron Brentano
Coordinator, CENTURY FARM PROGRAM

6/7/88

OK Historical Society,

From our last correspondence with you on April 30, 1985, you stated "your farm will be qualified as a century farm in 1987." Legally, the first 200 acres were willed to Martin Cummings, upon the death of Mary Jane Costello, on Nov. 15, 1987.

We had forwarded to you, the photo copied records from the Linn County Court house, & also a short resume of the family farm history.

If more information is needed, please let us know.

Russel Herndon
E.C.H.

Russel B. Herndon
29702 Nicewood Drive
Halsey, Oregon 97002

CERTIFIED

P 846 043 916

MAIL

CLAIM CHECK
NO.

668154

HOLD

DATE

1ST NOTICE

2ND NOTICE

RETURN

Detached from
PS Form 3849-A
Oct. 1980

RETURN RECEIPT
REQUESTED



JUN 8 1988

Oregon Historical Society

1230 SW Park ave.

Portland, OR 97205

Century
Program

OREGON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

1230 S.W. Park Avenue

(503) 222-1741



Portland, Oregon 97205

Cable: Histore

June 22, 1988

Russel B. Herndon
29702 Nicewood Drive
Halsey, OR 97348

Dear Mr. Herndon:

Thank you for sending your application for the Century Farm Program. Your application and supporting materials appear to be complete and in good order, and we will notify you after May 1, 1990, regarding arrangements for presentation of the Century Farm certificate. Whenever possible we arrange for local presentation of the awards, usually in conjunction with county or local historical societies; if we are unable to arrange such an event we will mail the certificate to you or hold it here for you to pick up, if you prefer.

Again, our thanks for your interest and participation in the Century Farm Program. If you have any questions, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Ron Brentano
Coordinator, Century Farm Program

Nov. 29, 1989

Sirs,

The year 1990 is soon upon us, and this is the year we have ascertained RUSSEL HERNDON would be presented a CENTURY FARM award.

We have correspondence from you, stating this, and believe all legal acknowledgements are in order.

The documentation of ownership as recorded in the Linn County Court House is 1887. However, we understand the award is given only every five years.

We would appreciate your reply, and any information we might need. (Also, where does one acquire the metal logo sign?) We often attend Linn County Historical meetings and know many of the officers.

Sincerely,

Russel Herndon

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