

CFR 0074

Ray Yergen

6/27/58

Judge: this is O.K. the
affidavit of settlement was
signed and dated Mar 21, 1855.

(Augustus Yergen)
D. S. C.

J. Fellpost

118 TOM MONAGHAN, of Clackamas County Democrat

119 GRANT V. MUMPOWER, of Clackamas County Republican

120 JUANITA N. ORR, of Clackamas County Democrat

For District Attorney. Clackamas County VOTE FOR ONE

121 WINSTON L. BRADSHAW, of Clackamas County Republican

122 DALE HARLAN, of Clackamas County Democrat

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June 19, 1958.

Judge C. C. Latourette,
Oregon City, Oregon.

Dear Sir;

In regard to a Century farm, my grandfather, Augustus Gergen homesteaded the farm I am living on more than a hundred years ago.

I own some of this original farm in both Clackamas and Marion Counties.

My sister Mrs. John Kister

and a cousin, Philip Yergen
each own parts of the
same farm.

My deed in Clackamas
Co. 15152 - Book 398 Page 571
The location is: "The fractional
south $\frac{1}{2}$ of the southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of
Sec. 27 T. 3 S. range 1 W.

The Marion Co. Deed - 337841 -
Book 378 Page 351 North $\frac{1}{2}$ of the
n.e. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 34 T. 3 S. range
1 W.

Yours truly,
Ray Yergen

Ray Yergen
Aurora, Ore.
Rt. 2 Box 130.

Aurora, Oregon
Sept. 8, 1958

Oregon State Fair Board
Salem, Oregon

Dear Fair Board:

I have been trying to find out who to contact for the awards of the century farmers awards.

My brother Phillip Yergen, R#2, Aurora, Oregon is entitled to one. He is farming our great grandfather Augustus Yergen's farm. He holds the original papers on which our great grandfather got the land grant from the government in the early 1850's. He now owns it.

My brother would not ask for the award but he would be thrilled to get it so I hope you can make it possible for him to receive one.

Sincerely

Mrs Jane Yergen Shannon
R#2 Box 154
Aurora, Oregon

Phillip Yergen
Aurora, Oregon

September 15, 1958

Mrs. Jane Yergen Shannon
Route 2- Box 154
Aurora, Oregon

Dear Mrs. Shannon:

The State Fair Board forwarded your letter concerning the Century Farm award to us.

Unfortunately, no further awards can be made to Century Farm families until the program opens again in 1959. Next year you can submit your brothers name for the certificate and we will be delighted to add his name to our roll of honor.

As you may know Ray Yergen of Aurora has a certificate for his interest in the Augustus Yergen donation land claim. Your Great-Grandfathers name will be listed on the Century Farm panel in the Van of History.

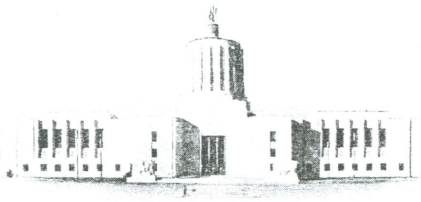
I hope you and your family can attend the dedication ceremonies of the Van in Oregon City, Wednesday, September 17.

Thank you for your interest in our program.

Sincerely,

Judith Scharf
Public Service Representative

JS/v



STATE OF OREGON
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
SALEM

July 10, 1958

Mr. Thomas Vaughan, Director
Oregon Historical Society
235 S. W. Market Street
Portland 1, Oregon

Dear Mr. Vaughan:

Re: Century Farm Program

Enclosed are affidavits, verified by County Judge E. G. Arnold of Linn County, for Jennie M. Rice of Route 2, Box 474, Sweet Home, Oregon, and Henry Sprenger of Shedd, Oregon.

Also enclosed are affidavits, verified by County Judge C. E. Latourette of Clackamas County, for Ray Yergen of Route 2, Box 130, Aurora, Oregon, and Moulton Sprague of 3017 S. E. Holly, Milwaukie 22, Oregon.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Buhla C. Grabow".

Buhla C. Grabow
Secretary to Genevieve Morgan
Informational Representative

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Yergen Family Holds Reunion; 100-Year History of Farm Retold

By Mrs. Ralph Bair ⁸⁰⁵

DONALD—The annual picnic of the Yergen clan was held Sunday, June 15 in the Union Hill Community club house. Following the no-host dinner a short business meeting was conducted by the president, Norman Yergen. It was voted to have the picnic one week earlier next year, that is the second week in June. New officers elected were Bud Yergen, president; Ray Yergen, vice-president; and Mrs. Robert (Ruth) Yergen Maitland was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

Originally Augustus Yergen, his brother William and his sister, Mrs. John (Elizabeth Yergen) Scheurer came west together in 1852. It took six months to make the trip.

Augustus Yergen and his bride of two weeks, Elizabeth Griffin, who was a descendant of pioneers in Illinois, left their Illinois home and came west. It is reported they had two yoke of oxen and one yoke of cows to pull one wagon. The first winter was spent in Washougal, Wash. In the spring Augustus took up a 320 acre donation land claim which is unique in that it lies in both Clackamas and Marion counties. The land was covered with timber and had to be cleared before any crops could be planted.

He erected a one room log cabin, and six children were born to the couple. The present house was erected in 1891 and is occupied by a great-grandson, Phil Yergen. Another part of the original farm is owned and operated by Ray Yergen, and the third part by Mr. and Mrs. John Kister. She was formerly Norman Yergen, a granddaughter of Augustus. Mrs. Kister reports that hops were grown continuously on the farm from 1890 up until 1952. Now general farming is carried on with no specialty crops.

William Yergen purchased a

farms in the Butteville area. However, later Scheurer became connected with a box manufacturing plant in Portland the farms passed into other hands.

The name originally was Yergens, but when the children started school, the "s" was dropped.

A great deal of the above information was obtained from the Biography, "Record of Willamette valley" published in 1903 and now in possession of the Ray Yergens, who are one of the three descendants still living on the 100 year-old farm.

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