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Bertha (Vaughn) Johns

U. S. Census Definition of a Farm: A farm must have 10 or more acres with agricultural sales of \$50 or more a year; or, if less than 10 acres, sales of at least \$250 a year.

APPLICATION FOR CENTURY FARM HONORS - 1960

→ Submit to State Department of Agriculture, 158 12th St. N. E., Salem ←

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Your name (Mr., Mrs., Miss) Bertha (Vaughan) Johns

Your address: Route Rt 2 Box Box 539 Town Molalla

Location of farm: 1 mile north Molalla

County: Clackamas. Acres: In your farm? 110. In original farm? 960.

Does your farm comply with U.S. Census definition at top of page? yes

Came on 1st. wagon train to Oregon - from Tennessee

Name of founder of farm (please print): William Hattchett Vaughan

What year did founder settle on the farm? 1844. How many families have farmed

this land through the years? 22 families live on the original 960 acres now.
(5 generations of Vaughans)

Are any of original buildings still in use? yes

What do you raise on farm today? livestock, clover, wheat

Who farms land today: You ; a renter _____; a manager _____; other _____

If you own the farm but live in town, do you manage the farming operation? yes

What relation are you to the original owner? great granddaughter

If you know original crops or livestock of this farm, please list farming

How many generations live on the farm today? one (5 generations have

lived on this farm)

Has the farm ever been rented? share (managed by owner). How many times has original farm been divided? 2

PLEASE list here or on separate page other historical facts you know about this farm This was the first donation land claim taken up by a white man in the Molalla area.

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

Deadline for filing application: June 20, 1960

Time Extended 9.6.60

Mrs Bertha (Vaughan) Johns
Signature of Owner



STATE OF OREGON
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
SALEM
August 10, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Vaughan:

Re: Mrs. Bertha Vaughan Johns
1960 Century Farm Applicant

Enclosed you will find the original application filled out, and signed, by Mrs. Bertha Vaughan Johns, for her farm which is located in Clackamas county, Oregon. Verification of 100-year continuous family ownership was received from the Clackamas County Court in this morning's mail.

The letter to the applicant, indicating approval of the Century Farm Honors application, which is to be signed by yourself and Director Short, will be forthcoming tomorrow. Mr. Short is away from the office today and we, therefore, cannot secure his signature on the letter until tomorrow morning. As soon as Mr. Short signs it, the letter will be mailed to you for your signature and for mailing to Mrs. Johns.

Sincerely yours,

Genevieve Morgan
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Informational Representative

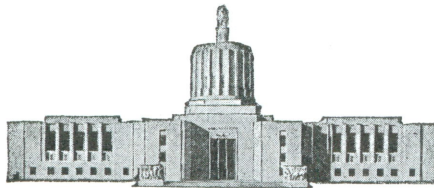
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-Enclosure-

Generations

- William Hattchett Vaughan 11 children
- ① Susan Mary Officer
- Isom C. Vaughan 5 "
- ② Nancy Jane Hungate
- Jack Vaughan 2 "
- ③ Minnie Snyder
- Bertha Johns 1 child
- ④ Clyde Johns
- Jack E. Johns 1 child
- ⑤ Katherine Herburger
- ⑥ Deena Marie Johns (1 week old)

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STATE OF OREGON
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
SALEM

August 12, 1960

Mrs. Bertha Vaughan Johns
Route 2, Box 539
Molalla, Oregon

Dear Mrs. Johns:

As sponsors, it is our pleasure to inform you that your application for 1960 Century Farm Honors has been approved. Our sincere congratulations to you and your family upon the long tradition of contributions to Oregon's great basic industry, our agriculture.

As you know, appropriate ceremonies to recognize Oregon's new group of Century Farms will be held at the Oregon State Fair on Tuesday, September 6, beginning with an 11 a. m. program, to be followed by a box luncheon. You will receive further word of the Fair attendance directly from the Oregon Fair Management.

Century Farmers of 1958 and 1959 are being invited to join with you in the observance in your honor on September 6. We sincerely hope you will plan to be present and to receive the coveted Century Farm parchment, which will be presented by Governor Mark O. Hatfield.

Within a few days we shall announce to the newspapers the names of the select few farmers who this year qualify to enter the ranks of our owners of historic farms.

In the meantime, again our congratulations, and our thanks for your response to the Century Farm program. We look forward to greeting you in person on Tuesday, September 6, at the state fairgrounds in Salem.

Yours sincerely,

Thomas Vaughan, Director
Oregon Historical Society

J. F. Short, Director
State Department of Agriculture

REGISTRATION CENTURY FARM CELEBRATION

OREGON STATE FAIR, September 6, 1960

1. Check which year you received Century Farm Award:

1958 _____
1959 _____
1960 _____

2. Name: Mrs Bertha Vaughan Johns

3. Postoffice Address: Rt 2 Box 539 Molalla

4. What county is your Century Farm in? Clackamas

5. How old is your farm? 116. How old are you? 51

6. Who founded your Century Farm? William Hatchett Vaughan

7. How many miles did you travel to come today? 300 miles

8. How many years have you belonged to the Oregon Historical Society or your County Historical Society? none

9. How many generations of your family live on the farm today? 2

10. How many exhibits do you have at the 1960 Oregon State Fair? none

What are they? _____

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**Century Farm On
State Fair List**

Part of a donation land claim north of Molalla, settled in 1850, by the late "Uncle" Billy Vaughn and his wife, is listed among the 18 in various parts of the state, as having been in one-family ownership for more than 100 years, the owners of which are to be honored at the State Fair. Each of the Vaughns took up a section of land that was divided among their children in later years.

Part of the Longstreet Vaughn land was purchased by Jack Vaughn, now deceased, and this land is now under the ownership of his daughter, Mrs. Bertha Vaughn Johns, route 2, box 539, who will be among the Century Farmers to be feted at State Fair.

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Fox Resident Earns Honor

Mrs. Clyde (Bertha Vaughan) Johns of Fox is one of 18 Oregon residents slated to receive Century Farm honors this year under the program sponsored by the Oregon Historical society and the Oregon State Department of Agriculture. Eight counties are represented in this year's list of Century Farmers.

Initiated three years ago, the program has now enrolled 416 farms that have been owned or operated continuously in the same family for 100 years or more. Named as Century Farmers this year were persons owning lands in Clackamas, Douglas, Lane, Linn, Marion, Multnomah, Polk and Yamhill counties.

The Grant county woman's Century Farm is located near Molalla in Clackamas county. The farm was known as the William Hattchett Vaughan donation land claim a century ago. Mrs. Johns' father the late Jack Vaughan, was a grandson of William Hattchett Vaughan, a native of Tennessee. Jack Vaughan, prior to his death last year, was the only descendant of the pioneer Vaughan family who owned any part of the original claim and estate near Molalla. Provisions of his will made his daughter, Mrs. Johns, the owner of his holdings, part of the original Vaughan land claim.

Mrs. Johns' farm is listed this year as the oldest in the entire group of Century Farms. Her farm was first settled in 1844, or 116 years ago. The "youngest" farm, owned by Raymond S. Kirk in Linn county, was settled in 1860.

As in past years, the Century Farm program will climax this year at a special program at the Oregon State fair. This will be held September 6 with Gov. Mark Hatfield slated to present The Century Farm parchment scrolls to the honored farmers, whose applications were certified by their respective county courts. Joining in this year's ceremony will be Century Farmers named in 1958 and 1959. A special luncheon honoring the Century Farmers at the state fair will be sponsored by the Oregon-Washington Farmers union, the Oregon State grange and the Oregon Farm Bureau federation.