

CFR 0084

Mrs. Clarence D. Kruse

U.S. Census Definition of a Farm: 10 acres or more 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--1970
(Rules attached)

Deadline for filing application: July 1, 1970

PLEASE PRINT

Your name (Mr., Mrs., Miss) Mrs. Clarence D. Kruse

Your address: Route 8501 S.W. 7th Ave., P.O. Box _____ Town Portland 97219

Location of farm: 4550 S. W. Carman Drive, Lake Oswego, Oregon 97034 Clackamas
(Address) (County)

Acres in your farm today: 11.97 Acres in original farm: 160

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

Name of founder of farm (please print): Otto Kruse

Year founder settled on farm? 1863 Where did he come from? Germany

How many families have farmed this land? 3: Otto, his son, Charles and Charles' son, Clarence.

Are any of original buildings still in use? No - part of an old root cellar remains.

Who farms land today? You? Yes 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? Granddaughter-in-law

If you know crops or livestock raised on farm 100 years ago, please list Grain, hay, cattle, sheep, hogs, potatoes, cabbage, and later-cauliflower.

What do you raise on farm today? Until 1964, grain and hay, since then, pasture.

How many generations live on the farm today? (Names) Fourth generation-Karen Kruse Tremayne, and fifth generation-Margaret, Jean, Kathryn and Elizabeth Tremayne.

Has the farm ever been rented? No How many times has original farm been divided? 3

PLEASE list on separate page attached other historical facts you know about this farm.

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

Mail to: State Dept. of Agriculture
635 Capitol St., N.E., Salem, Oregon
97310

Pearl P. Kruse

Signature of Owner

(Mrs. Clarence D.)

Submitted by: Mrs. Clarence D. Kruse, 8501 S.W. 7th Ave., Portland, Oregon 97219

(Name and Address)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Otto Kruse was born in Germany in 1825. As a young man he and his brother, John, came around the Horn to the United States. Both settled in Oregon, and most of their descendants are still here. In 1855, Otto became a naturalized citizen. He married an American girl, Frances Elizabeth Evans. In 1863 they bought 160 acres of the Chas. Brown D.L.C. Later another 160 acres was purchased, giving him the North half of claim no. 1253. The price for the first 160 acres was three thousand dollars.

They had six children; John, George, Helen, Charles, Metta, and Florence. The last five were born on their father's farm.

Theirs was a conservative family, and the receipts and other papers saved (dating back to Otto's 1855 naturalization paper) are a delight to those of us interested in the lives of our ancestors. Some of these receipts indicate that they took an active interest in National and local affairs. They subscribed to an eastern paper, "The New Yorker", to the weekly "Oregonian" (some receipts for this are signed or initialed, Henry Pittock), and to an Oswego paper, "The Iron Worker". Both Otto and his wife were members of the local Grange No. 175, and Otto kept his Poll tax paid. For the year 1867 this tax was two dollars; later receipts show one dollar until 1880 when assessor wrote in the Poll space, "over age". At that time Otto would have been fifty five. The tax on the property in 1863 was twenty five dollars fifty eight cents. However machinery for farming was high in those days as well as today. A sales slip from E. A. Hawley & Co., cor. Front and Yamhill Streets, date July 15, 1868, lists sale of Buckeye #1 mower \$ 175.00 payable in U.S. Gold Coin.

One of the prized papers they left is the Chas. Brown Donation Land Claim certificate, signed by Andrew Johnson. Another interesting paper is a patent issued by the Dept of Interior to the eldest son, John in 1890. It was for his invention of a wire attachment on a Hay Baling Press. In 1897 John went to Salem as a member of the State House of Representatives. Unfortunately, he passed away there in March of the same year.

Son, Charles bought land adjoining that owned by his father, and George bought in the same vicinity. The Springbrook School on the old Upper Boones Ferry Rd. was built on land donated by George.

Charles served the community as county judge, and was twice elected county road commissioner.

He was the second generation to have that part of the home place where the buildings and spring of water are located, and his son, Clarence, was third. The fourth generation, Clarence's daughter, Karen, grew up there; and with husband and children has been living on the home place again since 1965. Her eldest girl, Margaret, is active in the Junior ^{ake Oswego} Historical Society. She receives a special incentive from the privilege of walking daily on the same soil and drinking from the same spring that served Great Great Grandparents more than a century ago.

I enclose two receipts which, if of sufficient interest, may be given to the Oregon Historical Society.

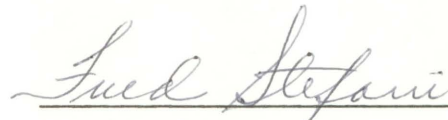
Very truly yours,

Pearl P. Kruse
(Mrs. Clarence D.)

State Department of Agriculture
Oregon Historical Society

CERTIFICATION OF OWNERSHIP OF CENTURY FARM

I hereby certify that the farm for which Pearl P. Kruse, 8501 S. W.
Owner's name and address
7th Avenue, Portland, Oregon is applying for Century Farm honors,
has been in his family continuously for 100 or more years.



*County Commissioner

~~Recorder~~

Date: June 25, 1970

*Please strike office not applicable

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Otto Knuse

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Dollars in full for State, County and School Taxes for the year 1868, on the property described in the margin.

Valuation of Real Estate	\$ 2.000
" Personal Property	3.35
" <i>Deb 50</i> All property	22.85

John Myers
Sheriff of Clackamas County.

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