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Raymond J. Nichols

April 14, 1960

Mr. Raymond J. Nichols
Star Route, Box 1
Winston, Oregon

Dear Mr. Nichols:

Under separate cover is your certificate for qualifying
as a Century Farmer in the 1959 program.

We regret the delay in sending these to you.

Very truly yours,

Robert C. Scott
Public Services Representative

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Linn Tops Century Farm List for '59

SALEM—Linn county, runner up among Oregon counties last year, now tops the field in 1959 Century Farm competition.

Linn county has ten of the 44 additional Century farms reported this year; Yamhill is a close second with nine. According to Thomas Vaughan, representing the Oregon Historical society, and Frank McKinnon, state director of agriculture, these farms reported in 1959 will be added to the 354 discovered in connection with this unique program last year.

Two of Linn county's 1959 Century farms are owned jointly by sisters. Benton county has added one such farm, that owned by Mrs. D. Ross Barclay, Rt. 3, Corvallis.

The new group of Century Farm owners — descendants who have stayed continuously with the agricultural pursuits of the farm founder — will be honored in a grand finale at the Oregon State Fair on Tuesday, September 8. At that time Governor Mark O. Hatfield will present the handsome parchment enrolling the farms in the archives of the Oregon Historical Society.

Eleven counties, four less than year, are included in the current list. All are from western Oregon, which leaves to date the three from Wasco county on last year's honor roll as the sole representative of that vast farming area which was settled later than the western side.

Besides Linn, Benton, Yamhill and Marion, the 1959 Centennial Farms are in: Clackamas, one; Douglas, 4; Jackson, 2; Lane, 2; Polk, 3; Washington, 5; and Tillamook, 1.

All continuous ownership verifications were made by the respective county judges, whose name along with the governor's, the sponsors and the state fair commission chairman will appear on the Century Farm parchment to be awarded at the fair.

The oldest farm this year (Lewis R. Alderman's at Dayton) is 113 years; 12 were founded in 1852, five in 1850 and one or more of the others each year between 1846 and 1859.

Nine of the 43 farms still have some of the original buildings. In Douglas county, Century Farmer Raymond J. Nichols of Winston lives in the original house built in 1853 by his great grandfather.

Strangely enough, the women today outnumber men owners of these historic farm lands. Twenty women, most of them granddaughters but including one great grand niece, are on the list. Eight of the honors go to husband-wife teams.

Most intricate of all claims to trace relationship is that of the Charles S. Mullen farm near Newberg, whose Century Farm was founded in 1852 by the half-brother of his great grandfather. At the other extreme is the Alderman farm on which the son of the founder lives today.

Not all the farms come down straight from original donation land claims. Even a hundred years ago farmers were buying and selling their lands—but not at today's prices. Mrs. Jessie B. Sewell at Hillsboro has the original deed in which farmers, by their marks, in 1857 transferred 318.95 acres or half of their donation land claim for \$1600 or about \$5 an acre. A year earlier in Marion county the present Arthur McKay Century Farm was started when James McKay paid \$1000, or \$6.25 per acre, for 160 acres of a donation land claim.

A few farms are intact, acreage-wise.

Following are the owners of 1959 Century Farms in Linn county:

Yates Sherer, Tangent; Mrs. Elsie Davis Bond, 1834 Fairmount Blvd., Eugene; Mrs. S. V. Barr, Rt. 1, Box 2862, Sweet Home; Mrs. Mabel J. Reagan, 417 13th Street East, Eugene, and Mrs. Vivian M. Forster, 1555 Laurel Heights, Albany; Loren J. Bond, Rt. 2, Box 362, Albany; Bertha Lena Watson, Rt. 1, Shedd; John Lester McFarland, Rt. 1, Tangent; Mr. and Mrs. John W. Alvin, 2560 S. Santiam Highway, Lebanon; Mrs. Florence N. Harrison, Rural Route, Brownsville; Mrs. Stacy L. Neeley, Rt. 2, Albany.

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4 Centennial Farms Added In Douglas

Four "Centennial Farms" — operations where descendants have stayed continuously with the agricultural pursuits of the farm founder — have been located in Douglas County this year, the state Department of Agriculture reported today.

The county farms were listed as those owned by Charles Henry Jones, Myrtle Creek; Mrs. Magdalene Nichols, Riddle; Raymond J. Nichols, Winston, and Bruce Cunningham, Drain.

Forty-four Centennial Farms located in the state this year will be added to the 354 discovered last year, when the program was initiated by the department in cooperation with the Oregon Historical Society.

Owners of the farms will receive special parchments during a ceremony at the Oregon State Fair on Sept. 8. Gov. Mark Hatfield will present the parchments, which enroll the farms in the archives of the Historical Society.

Of special note is the Raymond Nichols farm, where Nichols resides in the original house built in 1958 by his great-grandfather said state spokesmen.



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4 Farms Added To Century List

ROSEBURG (Special)—Four more century farms in Douglas County have been located this year, the State Department of Agriculture reported here Friday. They are among 44 additional farms in Oregon, putting the total at 398 whose owners will receive scrolls at the State Fair in September.

The Douglas farms are owned by Charles Henry Jones, Myrtle Creek; Magdalene Nichols, Riddle; Raymond J. Nichols, Winston, and Bruce Cunningham, Drain. To qualify, the farms must have been in the family when Oregon became a state.

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