

CFR 0151

Lawrence J. Horton and Anne S. Horton

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--1973
(Rules attached)

Deadline for filing application: July 27, 1973.

PLEASE PRINT

Your name (Mr., Mrs., Miss) LAWRENCE J. HORTON & Anne J. Horton

Your address: Route 2 P.O. Box 798 Town KLAMATH FALLS

Location of farm: IN 15 MILES EAST KLAMATH FALLS Sec. 21-21-27-28 TOWNSHIP 39 RANGE 11 1/2 E
(Address) (County) KLAMATH 97601

Acres in your farm today: 537 DEEDED 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): WILLIAM HARRISON HORTON

Year founder settled on farm? 1888 Where did he come from? Monroe & Oregon City

How many families have farmed this land? 3 Originally from New York State

Are any of original buildings still in use? No

Who farms land today? You? YES A renter? no A manager? _____ Other? Live on property

If you own the farm but live in town, do you manage the farming operation? LIVE ON PROPERTY

What relation are you to the original owner? GRAND SON

If you know crops or livestock raised on farm 100 years ago, please list CATTLE

SHEEP and HORSES & HAY
HE BROT THE FIRST HEREFORD BULL TO KLAMATH CO.

What do you raise on farm today? HEREFORDS. REGISTERED.

How many generations live on the farm today? (^{2 GENERATIONS} Names) MR & MRS LAWRENCE J HORTON
AND John C. HORTON. Son.

Has the farm ever been rented? on share crop How many times has original farm been divided? NONE

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.

Lawrence J. Horton
Signature of Owner

Submitted by:

Lawrence J. Horton, Route 2 Box 798, Klamath Falls, Oregon
(Name and Address) 97601

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

My grand father William Harrison Horton came with his family Charly and Anna Horton in the early 1860 came to Klamath County which was Lake County at that time, later Lake County was divided into three counties Jackson, Klamath and Lake County.

He homesteaded this place in 1868 and resided here until his death in 1882. My father Charly Horton was 16 years old at that time and bought out the heirs in 1886. continuing in the livestock business until about 1910. In the meantime this 160 acres was deeded to me in 1906 in trust. He ~~later~~ let the place out to share croppers until I took over the ranch in 1916 and have been operating the ranch in the livestock business ever since. In fact we live in the same house I was born in.

My Grandfather was friendly with the Indians and never had any sad experiences with them during the Modoc Indian War.

But he did take precautionary measures such as taking blankets & net going out in the juniper trees & sage brush to sleep at nights fearing some of the renegades might burn them out at night & murder them.

My Grand Father, Grand Mother & Father are all buried in the Linkwill Cemetery

State Department of Agriculture
Oregon Historical Society

CERTIFICATION OF OWNERSHIP OF CENTURY FARM

I hereby certify that the farm for which

Laurence J. Norton

Owner's name and address

_____ is applying for Century Farm honors,

has been in his family continuously for 100 or more years.

Bryan Williams

*County Commissioner

Recorder

Date:

July 28 1973

*Please strike office not applicable

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By Pati O'Connor

Century Farmers

Back in 1868 William Harrison Horton founded the Horton Ranch on 160 acres of land in the norther part of Poe Valley.

Now, 105 years later, his grandson, Lawrence J. Horton, still carries on the ranching tradition, although in a limited way in recent months. Lawrence and Ann Horton are among 37 Oregon families, who still operate farms their ancestors settled a century or more ago, who will be honored at a special program Friday, Aug. 31, at the Oregon State Fair.

The program, cosponsored by the Oregon Department of Agriculture and the Oregon Historical Society in cooperation with the Oregon State



LAWRENCE J. HORTON

Fair, is to be on the concert stage starting at 11:30 a.m.

Owners of the farm dating back the greatest number of years are Claudio and Dolores Bustamante of St. Paul. Their farm, which has 110 acres, is part of the 1,240-acre donation land claim settled by Augustin Raymond (the French spelling of his name was Remon) in 1840. The great-grandfather of Mrs. Bustamante, Raymond was a French-Canadian fur trapper and came to Oregon in early 1830 with Dr. John McLaughlin.

Seventeen Oregon counties are represented by the Century Farms. Marion and Linn counties are tied for the honor of having the most farms with six each. Coos County is second with four.

Joining the ranks of counties with Century Farms for the first time this year in Klamath County, with the Horton Ranch.

The Century Farm program was started in 1958 by the Oregon Department of Agriculture and the Oregon Historical Society. It was held yearly through 1960, then placed on a five-year basis, but this year is being held as a special feature of the Oregon Historical Society's hundredth anniversary observance.

Active Citizen, Rancher

Lawrence Horton's family came to this country when it was part of Jackson County and subsequently lived through three changes in the naming of the county — Jackson, Lake and Klamath.

The grandfather secured 160 acres of land which was said to be one of the first deeded parcels of land in Klamath County. A widower at the time, he later married Elizabeth Poe, member of the family for whom Poe Valley was named since they were the first settlers there.

Life was tough in those days. Supplies were hauled from Jacksonville and Redding and, according to one historian, when the men were gone for supplies, the women slept in the sagebrush to be safe from Indian attacks.

Lawrence Horton was born on the home ranch Dec. 7, 1896. Following school and a venture in the baker's trade in Marshfield, he returned to the ranch in Poe Valley. At 16 he purchased cattle for his father; the following year traded a boat he built himself for his first calf and launched his career as a stockman.

He acquired property — starting with his father's 160 acres — made an unprofitable debut in sheep raising but sold them in 1919. He began in the cattle business in earnest; later leased acreage in Tulelake, raised grain and hay and established a home there.

In 1939 he returned to the Poe Valley area, continued to expand his holdings and operations.

Mrs. Horton, the former Anne Hansen, was born in Gardner, Ill., the daughter of natives of Denmark. They moved to Medford in 1908.

Mrs. Horton was a prime mover in establishing the public school at Tulelake and taught a number of years before her marriage on May 26, 1918, in Medford.

Lawrence Horton was a member of the first city council in Tulelake; member of the chamber of commerce board there; active in the Rotary Club, Masonic Lodge and cattlemen's organizations and for many years has been president of the Federal Land Bank Association of Klamath Falls. Mrs. Horton has also been active in