

CFR 0261

Myrvle Jerome Looney

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--1965  
(Rules attached)

Deadline for filing application: June 15, 1965

PLEASE PRINT

Your name (Mr., ~~Miss~~) Myrtle Jerome Looney

Your address: Route I P.O. Box 58 Town Tangent

Location of farm: Tp 11 - SR 4 W - Sec 25 Linn  
(Address) (County)

Acres in your farm today 800 acres. Acres in original farm 340.

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

Name of founder of farm (please print): Anthony S. Looney

Year founder settled on farm? 1865. Where did he come from? Missouri

How many families have farmed this land? 4 generations of Looneys

Are any of original buildings still in use? No - The old barn, put together with wooden pegs + square nails was razed this past winter + Spring.

Who farms land today? You       ? A renter       ? A manager       ? Other Daughter + Son-in-law

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

What relation are you to the original owner? Grandson

If you know crops or livestock raised on farm 100 years ago, please list wheat, oats, hay, orchard, garden produce, sheep, hogs, cattle

What do you raise on farm today? rye grass, orchard grass, wheat, oats garden + fruit, Registered Hampshire sheep + Polled Hereford cattle

How many generations live on the farm today? (Names) 3 - Myrtle J. Looney + his wife, Hazel + their daughter + her husband (Ruth Looney Jenks + Edward Jenks) + their daughter Marilyn Jenks + son Donald Edward Jenks.

Has the farm ever been rented? No. How many times has original farm been divided? 1

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

Myrtle J. Looney  
Signature of Owner

State Department of Agriculture  
Oregon Historical Society

CERTIFICATION OF OWNERSHIP OF CENTURY FARM

I hereby certify that the farm for which M. J. Looney  
owner's name and address

R.F.D. #1, Box 58, Tangent, Ore. is applying for Century Farm honors,

has been in his family continuously for 100 or more years. Since April 1865.

Date: June 7th 1965

Stell E. Hoover  
~~County Commissioner~~ Recorder

\*Please strike office not applicable

SUBMITTED BY: Myrtle J. + Hazel T. Looney (Joint-owners)  
 (Name and address)

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

In April, 1865, Anthony S. Looney + his wife, Mary, purchased 340 acres of land from the donation land claimants, Francis + Mary Simpson. He hired Chinese labor to clear the oak grub timber from their newly acquired land. He planted a large garden for his family of six children + a large orchard. On his farm land he raised chiefly wheat, oats, + chest hay. He had beef cattle, sheep, + hogs. Later he had a fine Jersey dairy herd - one of the first in the valley. He had flour made from his wheat at the Boston Flouring Mills, now Thompson's Flouring Mills at Shedd, Oregon. He had the wool from his sheep made into cloth, and cured + smoked his own pork meat; he drove his own horse-drawn transport to southern Oregon where he sold these products to the miners in that region.

The original house burned in 1898 and the house which still stands was built immediately. This house is now occupied by a family of 7 - father, mother + five children.

Fearing for the safety of livestock, the original barn, put together with wooden pegs and square nails, was razed this past winter + early spring + the usable lumber used in building a large hay + cattle barn on near by farm land.

My wife, Hazel Thompson Looney, born and reared in Albany + moved to the country with me following our marriage in 1916 has continuously saved + planted the "Grandma Looney" bean seed. These are white beans + equally good as green string beans or, when dried + shelled are used in our family as winter beans.

This, I would like to add  
to the Myrtle Jerome Looney  
Century Farm record. Being  
three fourths ( $\frac{3}{4}$ ) miles off  
of the main county road,  
Grandfather, Anthony Stewart  
Looney, purchased a right  
of way from Jack Trader,  
owner of the land adjacent  
to the main county road,  
(now 99E) thus establishing  
the present road from the  
x now on through to highway 34  
Looney home to the main  
county road (now 99E).

Rec'd Aug 17/65  
From Myrtle J. Looney  
Rt 1 Box 58, Jargent

Century Farm  
comment

STATE OF OREGON  
ROUTE SLIP

*Century Farms*

Date 9/3/65  
TO: Tom Vaughan

FROM: Ben Morgan

- CHECK
- Approval
  - Investigate
  - Necessary Action
  - Confer
  - Prepare Reply
  - Per Telephone Conversation
  - For My Signature
  - For Your Information
  - Your Signature
  - As Requested
  - Comment
  - Note and File
  - Initial and Return
  - Return With More Details

COMMENTS:

*You may wish to add this to Loomer application  
It came to us from Howard Hoyle*