

CFR 0341

Loris Delmar Stevens

REGISTRATION CENTURY FARM CELEBRATION

OREGON STATE FAIR, September 6, 1960

1. Check which year you received Century Farm Award:
- 1958  \_\_\_\_\_  
1959  \_\_\_\_\_  
1960  \_\_\_\_\_
2. Name: LORIS Delmar Stevens
3. Postoffice Address: 5720 S.E. Harney Drive, Portland 6, Oregon
4. What county is your Century Farm in? Marion
5. How old is your farm? 108 years. How old are you? 55
6. Who founded your Century Farm? Hanson Stevens
7. How many miles did you travel to come today? 50 miles
8. How many years have you belonged to the Oregon Historical Society or your County Historical Society? Three years
9. How many generations of your family live on the farm today? None (Rented)
10. How many exhibits do you have at the 1960 Oregon State Fair? None

What are they? \_\_\_\_\_

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5720 S. E. Harney Drive  
Portland 6, Oregon  
July 19, 1958

Rex Hartley, Judge  
Marion County Court House  
Salem, Oregon

Dear Sir;

Pursuant to our telephone conversation today, relative to the original Hanson-Stevens land claim farm, as requested, I will outline a brief description of this property and the names of each generation in our family owning same till the present time.

The date that Hanson Stevens, my grandfather, settled on this property which is located three miles West of Mt. Angel, Township 6 South, Range 1 West, of Willamette Meridian, Marion County, Oregon, in the fall of 1852, a U.S. Donation Land Claim.

I am informed that it took the entire summer for my Great Grandparents in 1852, to migrate from Keokuk, Iowa with oxen to this location.

At this time, there are 116 acres in this farm, which I hold the deed.

The sequence change of title ownership, which you requested is briefly as follows. Original United States Patent to my Great Grandfather, Hanson Stevens; Volume 137, Page 578; my Grandfather, Isaac Stevens, my father, Willard Stevens; and finally myself, Loris Delmar Stevens.

There are some other names in our family which are involved in the above ownerships, a few of which are, my Uncle, Ellis Stevens, (deceased), my Aunt, Ernie Bateson, now aged 84, residing in Gladstone Oregon. Daisy Lewis Bump, of North Howell. If you wish further information regarding these names, I will be glad to supply you with same.

The present farm is approximately one mile long from the West bank of the Pudding River to the Mt. Angel, North Howell Road.

I believe the original patent on this property was granted in 1868. The certificate number 3059 was dated January 23, 1873.

Sincere Best Wishes,  
Loris Delmar Stevens

*Loris Delmar Stevens*

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*Loris Delmar Stevens*  
Notary Public for Oregon  
My Commission Expires Jan 1961



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STATE OF OREGON )  
COUNTY OF MARION )

There are some other names in our family which are involved in the above ownerships, a few of which are my Uncle Elias Stevens, ~~On this 18 day of July, 1958, before me, a Notary Public, the undersigned, personally appeared, Loris Delmar Stevens, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he executed the same for the purposes therein contained.~~ The property is approximately one mile long from the West bank of the Ruddy River to the Mt. Angel, Newell Road. I believe the original patent on this property was granted in 1868. The certificate number 3029 was dated January 23, 1873.

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Sincere Best Wishes,  
Loris Delmar Stevens

*Loris Delmar Stevens*  
Notary Public for Oregon  
My Commission Expires Jan. 22, 1959

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## Owner of North Howell Century Farm Speaker

North Howell — Loris Stevens of Portland, owner of a 4th generation 80-acre "Century Farm" at North Howell, spoke recently over the KBZY Al Bauer's farm radio program. The farm is part of a 320-acre land claim established in November of 1852 by the Hanson and Lavina Stevens. The land is approximately two miles east of the present North Howell school and borders Pudding river.

A caravan of 32 ox-drawn covered wagons, including the Stevens wagon, left Keokuk, Iowa, in April of 1852 and headed westward. Some turned back, others went to California, and the Stevens wagon was the only one to arrive in Oregon.

The area where they took up their donation land claim had an abundance of wild life, animals and fowl alike roamed the land, including wild cattle and hogs that escaped from the Hudson Bay people. The area was full of Indians and within 1½ miles of the river the Stevens could hear the tom-toms and war whoops of the Indian war that was fought for two weeks — the Callapooses against the Klamaths, Molallas and Cayouse. Over 400 Indians were killed in the battle.

Through the years parts of the acreage have been sold but approximately 80 acres still remain through four generations of the Hanson and Lavina Stevens, a son Isaac and a grandson Willard, all deceased. The land is now owned by a great grandson, Loris Stevens. He has two children, Delmar 14, and Dorene 7. Delmar will be the next heir to the Hanson Stevens land.