

CFR 0355

A.J. Smith

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U. S. Census Definition of a Farm: A farm must have 10 or more acres 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 - 1960

Submit to State Department of Agriculture, 158 12th St. N. E., Salem

PRINT

Your name (Mr., Mrs., Miss) MR. A. J. SMITH

Your address: Route 1 Box 177 Town AURORA

Location of farm: Section 4 R-1 west

County: Marion. Acres: In your farm? 56. In original farm? _____.

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

Name of founder of farm (please print): JOHN. F. SMITH

What year did founder settle on the farm? 1858. How many families have farmed this land through the years? 2

Are any of original buildings still in use? yes

What do you raise on farm today? Fruit Grain seed crops

Who farms land today: You yes ^{and}; a renter yes; a manager _____; other _____

If you own the farm but live in town, do you manage the farming operation? no

What relation are you to the original owner? SON

If you know original crops or livestock of this farm, please list Cattle horses
lumber

How many generations live on the farm today? One

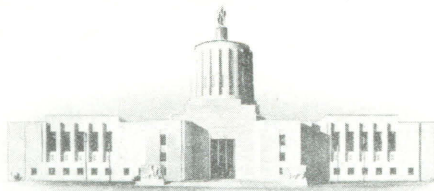
Has the farm ever been rented? yes. How many times has original farm been divided? Once

PLEASE list here or on separate page 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.

Deadline for filing application: June 20, 1960

ALBERT J. SMITH
Signature of Owner



STATE OF OREGON
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

SALEM

July 6, 1960

Honorable Rex T. Hartley
Marion County Judge
Courthouse
Salem, Oregon

Dear Judge Hartley:

Enclosed is an application for the following who seeks Century Farm honors this year:

Mr. A. J. Smith
Route 1, Box 177
Aurora, Oregon.

Will you kindly verify as to 100-year ownership, either on a separate note or by indicating this at the end of this letter? Please return application blank with your verification or rejection.

You may note by your newspapers that we extended the deadline for applications to July 10, so more may come. We would like to have your verification by July 20.

Again, thank you very kindly for your continued cooperation in this program. The Century Farm awards will be made at the State Fair on Tuesday, September 6, at 11 o'clock a.m. We trust you will be able to attend.

Sincerely yours,

Genevieve Morgan
Informational Representative

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The logo features a stylized illustration of the Marion County Courthouse, a multi-story building with a central tower, set against a circular background. The text 'MARION COUNTY COURT' is printed in a bold, sans-serif font across the middle of the illustration.

MARION COUNTY COURT

COURTHOUSE
SALEM, OREGON

July 7, 1960

Mrs. Genevieve Morgan
Informational Representative
State Department of Agriculture
Agricultural Building
Salem, Oregon

Dear Mrs. Morgan:

Acknowledging receipt of the application of
Mr. A. J. Smith, Route 1, Box 177, Aurora, Oregon,
for Century Farm honors.

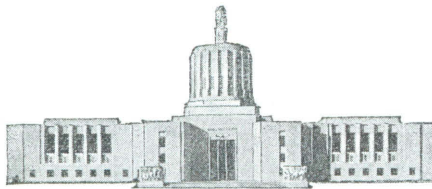
I have verified the ownership of this farm
and certify that the ownership has been in the family
for over 100 years. Records show ownership as 105
years in the same family.

Trusting this information is satisfactory, I
remain,

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Rex Hartley' followed by a small flourish.
County Judge

RH:jd1
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STATE OF OREGON
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
SALEM

August 4, 1960

Mr. A. J. Smith
Route 1, Box 177
Aurora, Oregon

Dear Mr. Smith:

As sponsors, it is our pleasure to inform you that your application for 1960 Century Farm Honors has been approved. Our sincere congratulations to you and your family upon the long tradition of contributions to Oregon's great basic industry, our agriculture.

As you know, appropriate ceremonies to recognize Oregon's new group of Century Farms will be held at the Oregon State Fair on Tuesday, September 6, beginning with an 11 a. m. program, to be followed by a box luncheon. You will receive further word of the Fair attendance directly from the Oregon State Fair management.

Century Farmers of 1958 and 1959 are being invited to join with you in the observance in your honor on September 6. We sincerely hope you will plan to be present and to receive the coveted Century Farm parchment, which will be presented by Governor Mark O. Hatfield.

Within a few days we shall announce to the newspapers the names of the select few farmers who this year qualify to enter the ranks of our owners of historic farms.

In the meantime, again our congratulations, and our thanks for your response to the Century Farm program. We look forward to greeting you in person on Tuesday, September 6, at the state fairgrounds in Salem.

Yours sincerely,

Thomas Vaughan, Director
Oregon Historical Society

J. F. Short, Director
State Department of Agriculture

REGISTRATION CENTURY FARM CELEBRATION

OREGON STATE FAIR, September 6, 1960

1. Check which year you received Century Farm Award:

1958 _____
1959 _____
1960 _____

2. Name: A. J. Smith

3. Postoffice Address: Aurora, Rte 1, Box 277

4. What county is your Century Farm in? Marion

5. How old is your farm? 103. How old are you? 87

6. Who founded your Century Farm? Father

7. How many miles did you travel to come today? 22

8. How many years have you belonged to the Oregon Historical Society or your County Historical Society? 0

9. How many generations of your family live on the farm today? 2

10. How many exhibits do you have at the 1960 Oregon State Fair? no

What are they? _____

