

CFR 0375

Albert K. Williams

Rec'd: SDA - June 9, '60

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.

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APPLICATION FOR CENTURY FARM HONORS - 1960

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

PRINT

Your name (Mr., Mrs., Miss) ALBERT H WILLIAMS

Your address: Route PO Box BOX 139 Town GRESHAM ORE

Location of farm: WILLIAMS ROAD.

County: MULT. Acres: In your farm? 11.78 In original farm? 320.

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

Name of founder of farm (please print): THEODORE K. WILLIAMS

What year did founder settle on the farm? 1853. How many families have farmed this land through the years? 2

Are any of original buildings still in use? NO.

What do you raise on farm today? HAY

Who farms land today: You X; a renter; a manager; other

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

What relation are you to the original owner? SON

If you know original crops or livestock of this farm, please list. HAY, BROCCOLI, POTATOES, STRAWBERRIES

How many generations live on the farm today? ONE

Has the farm ever been rented? NO. How many times has original farm been divided? ONE

PLEASE list here or on separate page other historical facts you know about this farm. FATHER DONATED GROUND FOR POWELL VALLEY SCHOOL, WAS INDIAN WAR VETERAN POSTMASTER AT POWELL VALLEY

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

Signature of Owner: Albert H Williams

It appearing from official property records of  
Multnomah County that the following To Wit: Homestead #828

Lots 1,2,3,4, Sec 12 NE - SW SE - SW Vol 2 P 138

Pat November 25, 1873 Certificate #334

has been in the continuous ownership of the Williams  
family since the year 1853. Present owner Albert K.  
Williams.

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby certify  
that the above named property is certified for any special  
recognition which may be extended on the basis of the above  
period of continuous ownership.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

By

Jack Bain  
Chairman

Williams

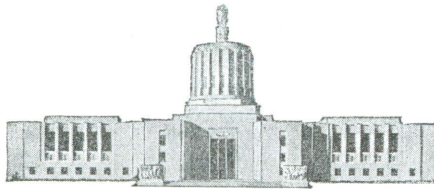
REGISTRATION CENTURY FARM CELEBRATION

OREGON STATE FAIR, September 6, 1960

1. Check which year you received Century Farm Award:
- 1958 \_\_\_\_\_  
1959 \_\_\_\_\_  
1960 X \_\_\_\_\_
2. Name: Albert K Williams
3. Postoffice Address: PO Box 139. Bresham Or
4. What county is your Century Farm in? Mult
5. How old is your farm? 107. How old are you? 77
6. Who founded your Century Farm? Father T K Williams
7. How many miles did you travel to come today? 66
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? 1
10. How many exhibits do you have at the 1960 Oregon State Fair? 0

What are they? \_\_\_\_\_  
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STATE OF OREGON  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
SALEM

August 4, 1960

Mr. Albert K. Williams  
P. O. Box 139  
Gresham, Oregon

Dear Mr. Williams;

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

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# Fair Honors Due Gresham Man As Owner of Century Farm

An East County man who lives on land on which his father established a donation land claim in 1853 will be honored at Salem Tuesday, Sept. 6 as owner of a Century Farm.

He is Bert K. Williams, 77, whose 12-acre farm

qualifies him to participate in the program set up three years ago by the Oregon Historical society and the state department of agriculture.

The Williams farm is among 18 that qualified this year for the Century program. Special

ceremonies will be conducted at the Oregon State fair Sept. 6, at which Gov. Mark O. Hatfield is scheduled to present parchment scrolls to the honored farmers. Guests will include Century farmers named in 1958 and 1959.

A special luncheon honoring the Century Farmers will be sponsored by the Oregon-Washington Farmers Union, the Oregon state grange and the Oregon Farm Bureau federation.

The 320-acre donation land claim, established by Williams' father, Theo. K. Williams, was once a dominating area of the Powell Valley district. It extended, Williams recalled, from Kane Road eastward to past the present Powell Valley school. His father donated the original land for the school and his brother John sold more land for the school grounds, Williams said. John Williams died recently.

Williams was the youngest of 13 children, and the 12 acres constituted his share of the estate. He was born on that DLC, his mother dying when he was 8 years old. His brother William lives, at Sandy.

Bert Williams' deep roots in the East County area prompted him to join the state historical society. He said his land, now logged off, at one time was a grove but that high winds blew down many trees and left standing trees a menace.

Williams lives in a small house on his land, well off the road, and grows hay on 9 acres. Earlier, before poor health overtook him, he grew vegetables and berries. He was paralyzed after a heart attack 5 years ago and, although he has recovered to become quite active, he is not equal to full-time farming activity.

A son, T. K. Williams Jr., lives in California.

As to his future, Williams would like to move. Much of the surrounding property has become attractive home sites.