

CFR 0541

Frank Grant Jr. and Lynne Bell

APPLICATION FOR CENTURY FARM HONORS

Deadline for Filing Application - May 1, 1995

(Please print or type)

Telephone #: Redacted for Privacy

Your Name (Mr., Mrs., Ms., Miss) FRANK GRANT BELL, JR., & WIFE, LYNNE

Your Address Redacted for Privacy

Street, Route or Box # City Zip Code

Location of Farm Redacted for Privacy

To qualify as a Century Farm, a farm must have a gross income from farm use of not less than \$1,000.00 per year for three out of the five years immediately preceding application for Century Farm honors. Does your farm meet this qualification? YES

Name of family member who was founder or original owner of farm:

ULYSSES GRANT BELL AND WIFE, ETTA BATES BELL

Founder gained ownership of farm in (Year) 1889  
(ATTACH VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION, See Rule 9).

Founder came to Oregon from KANSAS

Who farms the land today? FRANK GRANT BELL, JR., & WIFE, LYNNE

Relationship to original owner GRANDSON

Are any of the original buildings still in use? YES

If yes, which ones? HOUSE, WOODSHED

If you know crops or livestock raised on farm one hundred years ago, please list: POTATOES, DAIRY, APPLES, PEARS, PRUNES, HAY,

EGGS, CHICKENS, OXEN, HORSES, COWS

What do you raise on the farm today? HAY, CHESTNUTS, PLANTS,

RE-ESTABLISHING THE ORCHARD

How many generations live on the farm today? 2

Please list names: FRANK G. BELL, JR., & HIS SONS GRANT AND DONALD

Do you declare that the statements made above are accurate and correct to the best of your knowledge? YES

Frank Bell Jr. Lynne Bell  
Signature of Owner

Please return forms to: Century Farm Program, Oregon Historical Society  
1200 S. W. Park Ave., Portland, OR 97205-2483

STATEMENT FORM

I, FRANK G. BELL, JR.

hereby affirm and declare that the farm which I own at  
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(Full Address)

in MULTNOMAH County,

shall have been owned by my family as specified in Rule 2 of  
the RULES FOR 1995 CENTURY FARM PROGRAM for at least one hundred  
years by no later than December 31, 1995.

Frank G. Bell Jr.  
Signature

-----Acknowledgement (for use of Notary Public)-----

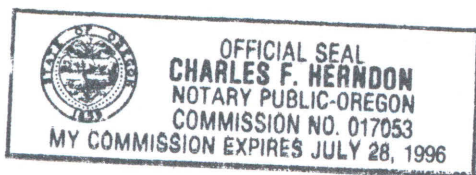
STATE OF OREGON

County of MULTNOMAH

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 2ND day of MAY,  
1995, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for  
said County and State, personally appeared the within named

FRANK G. BELL, JR

known to me to be the identical individual described in and who  
executed the within instrument and acknowledged to me that HE  
executed the same freely and voluntarily.



In Testimony Whereof, I have  
set my hand and affixed my  
official seal the day and  
year last above written.

Charles F. Herndon  
Notary Public for Oregon

Commission Expires JULY 28, 1996

5-2-95

I am enclosing a copy of the pages from the East Multnomah County Pioneer Association's history book that the Association put together approximately 20 years ago. The section on the Bells was written by U. Grant Bell's daughter-in-law (my mother-in-law), who married my husband's father in 1919 and lived on the farm many years. I have added "Sr." and "Jr." to the names of my husband and his father to distinguish between the generations. We also have the deed showing that the Bells finished paying for the farm in 1891, but they started it in 1889.

At present, my husband & I, and our sons, are working on restoring the house & woodshed. Fortunately, it has not been changed much over the years, so much of our work amounts to much-overdue maintenance! Last summer, the house got a new roof; this summer, it's a new porch & a coat of paint!

Sincerely,

Lynne Bell

P.S. Feel free to call if you have any questions, although we're hard to reach by phone — keep trying!

her to the land office in Oregon City. Leaving at daybreak, carrying a lunch, the three walked all the distance. Business done and the day late, they walked to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith who lived on the outskirts of East Portland. They spent the night there.

In 1895 Mrs. Beaumont married Henry Thompson. They sold the 40 acres to Fred Shoultz and moved near Mr. Thompson's work in the mill at Palmer. Three children were born to them: Frank, Alice and Charles.

The family was living in Kelso, Washington, when Mr. Thompson died. The youngest son Charles took his mother to Chicago to live with him, where she died at the age of 95 years and was buried there.

Osie Beaumont who worked in Portland all her life, never married. When she died she was buried in the old Pioneer Cemetery.

by Mrs. Annie Zeek

#### ULYSSES G. BELL FAMILY

Ulysses Grant Bell was born in Webster County, Iowa, Dec. 28, 1863. When he was around 7 years old, they moved to Alto, Kansas. Here his mother died, leaving 8 children. Grant was 11 years old at the time. When he was 20 he married Etta Mae Bates in 1884. They stayed in Kansas a few years but the dust and crop failures made it impossible to make a living for his wife and two children.

He had three brothers in Oregon: Henry, Jim and Ral. Henry Bell came to Oregon with the Elijah Chamberlain family. Jim and Ral came later, settling in a cabin on Larch Mountain at a logging camp. Later Jim went to Glens Ferry, Idaho, and on to Canada.

In November 1888, Grant Bell, Sutliff Bates and Lewis Phelps headed for Oregon, leaving their families, until they could get settled here. They came by train to San Francisco, then on by boat.

They arrived at the Chamberlain residence near what is now Corbett. Lewis Phelps went on to Pumpkin Center, Washington and remained there all his life. Sutliff Bates and Grant Bell stayed in the Corbett area, later working for J. P. McGown Cannery. The following year they bought the land on Bell Road. Bates and his son-in-law Grant drew straws to see who would get the half with the spring on it. Grant got the spring and built his house on the hill, where the orchard is. Years later it was moved to its present location

1889

He and Mr. Bates had sent for their families: Mrs. Baes and children, Alta (Crowston), Frank Bates and Harley Bates; and the Bells: Mrs. Etta Bell, daughter Zula and son Frank. They all came by train with all their possessions in one car, where they cooked for themselves. There were no dining cars then. They arrived July 3, 1889 at the Landing and were met by the Chamberlains. The next day was so cold the men wore overcoats to the 4th of July celebration at Latourell Falls.

They lived in Warrendale a short time, later in the house on Corbett Hill Road where the riding stables are now. Later they moved to their own place on Bell Road.

Grant was a carpenter by trade, plus anything he could find to do, and farming on the side. He helped build the Springdale School, the Grange Hall at Corbett, school at Egypt, and others. He became County Road Supervisor. Taxes on the Bell place the first year were \$1.89.

The two older children went to school at Corbett, later all the other six went to the new Springdale school.

In later years they went to California in the winters, then moved down, where Grant worked at North Island for Navy Installations. They came up on their vacations almost every summer.

The farm is still in the Bell family, bought by Frank<sup>sr</sup> and his wife (grandson of Grant.)

	Etta Bell	born 3/31/1869	Died 2/19/31
Ulysses	Grant Bell	12/28/'63	1/19/48

Children		
Zula Arleta Latourell	1885	1954
Frank Grant Bell, Sr.	1888	1959
Byron C. Bell	1895	1966
Lena M. Pettijohn	1897	1945
Walter P. Bell	1899	
Charles R. Bell	1901	
Percy B. Bell	1907	
Chester E. Bell	1909	

Zula had no children, Frank 2, Byron 1, Lena 2, Walter 3, Charles 1, Percy 2, Chester 2.

by Mrs. Frank Bell, Sr.

#### A. DRESSEL

Mr. and Mrs. A. Dressel were one of the first families to make a home in Springdale area, in 1881. Their house was a log cabin with a shake roof. Some fruit trees and grape vines are still bearing fruit. The garden was tilled with a grub hoe and other hand tools. They grew some peas that were used green and dry, also ground and roasted for a beverage similar to coffee.

Mr. Dressel carried the cookstove from Lower Corbett on his back. When he came to a log across the path, he sat down and rested, climbed the log and started on again.

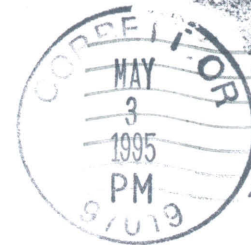
Mrs. Dressel was known as a good cook. When there was a neighborhood party she would make the dumplings.

They had two children, George and Clara. Clara married a Mr. Combs, who had a manufacturing plant in Gresham, but lived in Portland. They had one daughter, who is believed to live in California.

After Mr. Dressel died, Mrs. Dressel sold the place and bought a smaller place on the highway, where she and her son built a large square house at the west end of Springdale. Later George owned a place on the Sandy adjoining the B. P. Rasmussen place. He lived there until his death on March 15, 1936.

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