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Florence Vanasche

Washington Co.

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APPLICATION FOR CENTURY FARM HONORS
Deadline for Filing Application - May 1, 1997

(Please print or type)

Telephone:

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Your Name Florence Vanasche

(MR & MRS DAVID VANASCHE)

Your Address

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(Street, Route or Box #, City, Zip, County) duw

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Location of Farm

To qualify as a Century Farm, a farm must have a gross income from farm use of not less than \$1000 per year for three out of the five years immediately preceding application for Century Farm honors. Does your farm meet this qualification? Yes - part of 2000 acre family-farm operation > \$500,000 per year

Name of family member(s) who was founder or original owner of farm: Carl & Elizabeth Wunderlich

Founder gained ownership of farm in (year) 1896

(Attach verifying documentation, see Rule 9)

Founder came to Oregon from Donation Land Claim Olmitz, Kansas

Who farms the land today? Dave & Ellen Vanasche

Relationship to original owner Great Grandson - Dave Vanasche

Are any of the original buildings still in use? No, but there

If yes, which ones? are flowers, broken pottery etc in the field at the original home site

If you know crops or livestock raised on farm one hundred years ago, please list wheat, oats, hay - cattle, milkcow & chickens

What do you raise on the farm today? (see back) fruit trees, Cross Seed (Tall Fescue & Perennial Ryegrass) Clover Seed, wheat, hay, wildlife Lake

How many generation live on the farm today? Two

Please list names Dave Vanasche - Grandson
Ellen Vanasche (wife of Dave) Harv & Mark Vanasche (children of Dave & Ellen)

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

Albert Vanasche
Larance Wunderlich Vanasche
Signature of Owner (Granddaughter of Carl Wunderlich & Elizabeth)

Please return forms to: Century Farm Program, Oregon Historical Society, 1200 S. W. Park Ave., Portland, OR 97205 Telephone (503) 306-5215

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Crops which have been grown on farm over
last 15 years:

Alfalfa hay

Timothy hay

Red Clover hay & seed

Crimson Clover seed

Vegetable Seed

wheat

Oats

Perennial Ryegrass

Tall Fescue

Pasture

Beef Cattle

VANASCHE FARM

Owners: Dave Vanasche 48
Ellen Vanasche 46
Kari 13
Mark 10

Established: 1896 (Wunderlich)

Location: 3 miles North of Cornelius, Oregon

Principle Crops: Timothy Hay
Red Clover Hay and Silage
Crimson Clover Seed
Red Clover Seed 400 acres±

Grass Seed: Proprietary Turf Type Varieties
Certified Perennial Rye grass
Certified Tall Fescue 1200 acres±
White Wheat 400 acres±
2 Waterfowl Lakes 15 acres

Total acres farmed:-----2000 acres
530 Acres Vanasche Family Owned and the balance is leased from
25 farmland owners.

Field Drainage: Proper drainage is the key to efficient
crop production. Between 1983-1996 we
installed approximately 150,000 feet of
underground field drains and maintained
drainage ditches.

Lime and Dolomite: The use of lime or dolomite which occurs
naturally in the soil allows us to de-
crease our use of commercial chemicals
and fertilizers. 6000 tons of lime and
dolomite were applied between 1986 - 1996.

Organic Fertilizer:

We annually apply Unified Sewage Agency (USA) sewage on approximately 200 acres per year thus reducing our commercial fertilizer use and eliminating an urban problem. The sludge application is being monitored by the Soil Conservation Service and DEQ.

Tillage:

We use minimum tillage in certain planting situations to reduce production costs, increase soil fertility and control erosion. We also have a soil conservation service farm plan for any highly erodible land we farm.

Soil Samples:

To insure crop production, soil samples are taken on any new field added to our farm and are renewed every 5-7 years. These samples are evaluated. Fertility levels such as Ph, phosphorous, potash and Mg are increased as required.

Crop Consultant:

Vanasche Farm has retained John Leffel (1991 retired Washington County Oregon State University Extension Agent) as the farm's field crop consultant. We participate in O.S.U. field test plots and trials on our farm.

Employees:

Dave Vanasche and 2 full-time employees comprise the work force. Several additional summer employees are hired June through October. Ellen Vanasche is a housewife bookkeeper for the farm and lends a hand in the field when needed.

Education:

Dave Vanasche - Bachelor of Science Degree from St. Martin's College, Olympia, Washington. Civil Engineer's License - State of Oregon. Land Surveyor's License - State of Oregon.

Ellen Vanasche - Bachelor of Arts Degree Oregon State. Elementary Education Degree.

Memberships:

Oregon Farm Bureau (Director for Public
Affairs - Washington County Farm Bureau)
Oregon Grass Seed League
Oregon Grass Seed Growers Association
Oregon Wheat League
Commissioner - Oregon Clover Seed
Commission
Perennial Rye grass Bargaining
Association (Director)
Associated Member Future Farmers of
America
Old Scotch Church - Presbyterians
Hillsboro Girls Ponytail Softball
Hillsboro Boys Soccer League
Hillsboro Boys Little League

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MY STORY

By Veronica Meier



To Al and Florence
from your Aunt
Veronica Meier



Flavius & Veronica Meier with Family
on the occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary
Joe, Bill, Veronica, John, Flavius, Tom, Phil & Robert
(Missing were Paul & Carol) (left to right)

Focus on Yesteryear

This is the chronicle of a Catholic mother and wife - a woman who has devoted her entire life to the care and service of others. She gave birth to eleven children, eight of whom are living. Her husband died in 1976, at the Benedictine Nursing Center in Mt. Angel, where Mrs. Meier continues to make her home. She is now 86 years of age, a daily Communicant, and participates in many activities. She has been recognized for her most willing service to others, and can often be found pushing other patients in their wheelchairs to the lounge, serving refreshments, and reciting the daily rosary in the chapel. Often times she will recite bits and pieces of old songs and poems. She has always had an ambition to share her life story with others. The following is her story.

My Story

My father was born on the border of Austria, and my mother born in Bavaria. My father was the only one of his family to come to the United States; they were a middle class family, Lutherans by faith. He fought in the Civil War, and was injured in the left arm, but not handicapped. He was given a pension as long as he lived. One of my brothers told me that the history books used in school mentioned in a certain battle, my father's name, Carl Phillip Wunderlich. What I wouldn't give for one of those history books now!

My mother, Elizabeth Zeisler, worked as a housemaid. She came alone to this country, first to New York, then to St. Louis, Missouri. She also helped her brothers and sisters come to the United States.

My father and mother met in St. Louis, and became engaged. To my mother's surprise, my father studied the Catholic faith. On the same day they were married, he was baptized a Catholic, and received Holy Communion for the first time. They lived in

St. Louis for a time, and then took a land claim in Olmitz, Kansas, where they lived in a sod house. A priest came there once a month to offer Mass, and a few scattered Catholic families came to attend the Mass. In time, a church was built in Olmitz, and a stone house for my folks.

In time there were 14 children. I was the second youngest, born February 14, 1891. My father was such a devout Catholic, and when he displayed his faith, we children were often embarrassed. He would fold his hands on high, pointing heavenward. My mother was quiet, and devout in her own way. My parents placed their oldest daughter, Josephine, in a Catholic boarding school. When a diptheria epidemic broke out, she took sick and died. Another of the girls, Anna, went back to St. Louis to visit Aunt Kate for a time, and Anna also took sick and died. Her dying wish was to see her folks once more - just once more. Two children died in infancy.

My memory dates back to about three years of age. My baby brother, Bernard, was born at that time. I told my mother that I had lost my doll baby, and she

told me, "Here is your doll baby," and showed me my new little brother. A year later, we had a family picture taken. My brother Bernard grew up to manhood, but was killed in a dynamite blast. Two of my sisters, Mary and Elizabeth, joined the religious community of St. Mary's at Beaverton, and were known in religion as Sister Odelia and Sister Perpetua. My other sisters, Catherine and Caroline, both married, as did my brothers: John, Joseph and Charles. I am the last living child of the family.

We lived at Olmitz until my parents decided to move to Oregon so the children could attend Catholic schools. My brothers and sisters walked five miles to school, and I walked with them. After four or five tries, I was not able to keep up with them. My teachers were in the country, ladies who lived nearby. One of them taught me to recite A Christmas poem. I still remember it. Next to our farm there was a very steep hill. I wandered there one day by myself. I fell halfway down, hit a tree stump, and then became unconscious. I told no one for fear I would be punished. There was also a well on this place. My brother and I decided to

give me a ride in the well bucket, attached a windlass and rope. I was already in the bucket, ready to go, when an older sister came and rescued me.

After a time, the folks sold this farm, and bought another farm new Verboort. There was a creek running through this place. Sometimes a tree would fall across the creek, and make a foot log. This was a much shorter way to school. The boys nailed slats of wood on it, but on a frosty day I would crawl on my hands and knees to cross over. Once, when nearly across, I noticed a man standing guard quietly so as not to startle me.

When I stepped onto the bank he turned and walked into the woods, saying nothing. He carried something on his left shoulder, and I have always thought it was St. Christopher.

I went to Mass daily. The pastor praised me before the class for not missing one single question in Catechism. He gave me a prize, and let me choose it. There were bright colored sets in pins, and a little crucifix. I would rather have had the pins, but I thought the pastor would

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be pleased if I chose the crucifix. I didn't go to school beyond the eighth grade at this time. My mother didn't think it was important for a girl to continue school as the boys did. During the month of May we had May devotions at our church. After supper I went to devotions alone.

I couldn't have girls at our house because mother worked so much out of doors that not much time was left for keeping house. Our house had an attic in which we stored magazines. While trying to get some, I slipped and fell from the roof. I wasn't hurt, but I didn't get any magazines. I got up and ran when I heard mother coming. Mother had no sewing machine, and sewed by hand. When I was old enough I also sewed by hand, and taught myself to make dresses, and made some for my mother. I went with my brothers and peeled a special bark and sold it. I saved enough money to buy a sewing machine, and made dresses for the neighbor girls, and for my mother.

Mother played an accordian. We also had a phonograph. Mother had a proverb for every occasion. When she started a project, she would say, "In God's name." When she finished she

would say, "Thank you, God."

As I grew older, I felt the need for more education. I went to St. Mary's Academy in Beaverton. My two older sisters were there, members of the religious community. Father Deeney S.J. was conducting a retreat. After the retreat, while we were talking and visiting, one of my sisters asked Father Deeney to interest me in coming to the convent. He told them I would raise Jesuits and Bishops.

I married my husband, Flavius Meier on Sept. 11, 1918. We were married by Father Deeney. My husband had been in the seminary for about eight years. His brother was Abbot Thomas. Altogether, the Lord blessed us with eleven children, two of whom died in infancy, and one stillborn. Our eight children are married and have families. My husband died in 1976. Five of our sons served in the military, and returned home safely. Our only daughter, Carol, lives in Florida, and has thirteen children.

I have been very active in my life. I took all of my children and the neighbor children to pick berries, beans and hops. I was chairman for the election board in our precinct for twelve years. I also established a floral garden, and sold cut

flowers and potted plants at the auction house.

I've always had an ambition to establish a Catholic Nursing home, but I am content to live and be helpful here at the Benedictine Nursing Center in Mt. Angel.

Epilogue:

I, Veronica Meier, present this brief autobiography to my children and grandchildren, for Christmas, 1977. It contains the story of my life, and of my children. I also would like to mention that my father, Carl P. Wunderlich, fought and was wounded in the Battle of Bull Run. He was a Private in the New York Cavalry Volunteers, 4th Reg. Co. H. I mention this in the event any of you wish to do further historical research.

This short sketch also contains much love and personal regard for each of you, living and unborn. I want you to know that I have led a happy life, and tried to serve the Lord as best I could. I wish each of you God's choicest blessings, now and forevermore. Pray for me!

Your loving grandmother,

Veronica Meier



Photo taken in Denver in the year 1895.
Members of the C. P. Wunderlich Family.

	Date of Birth	Date of Death
Father, Carl Philip	May 31, 1844	Nov. 11, 1919
Mother, Elizebeth	Feb. 2, 1853	Oct. 28, 1920
Josephine	March 13, 1873	Jan. 27, 1885
Catherin	July 16, 1874	Jan. 30, 1942
Caroline	April 11, 1876	<i>was 97</i>
Peter Paul	Sept. 4, 1878	July 18, 1879
Anna	Nov. 25, 1879	Sept. 12, 1895
John	May 24, 1881	<i>1966</i>
Mary Josephine	Feb. 11, 1883	<i>1975</i>
Carl Philip	June 29, 1884	Sept. 23, 1884
Joseph Anthony	Sept. 4, 1885	July 15, 1953
Elizebeth Paula	April 2, 1888	<i>1977</i>
Charles Anthony	Jan. 1, 1890	<i>1976</i>
Veronica Johanna	Feb. 14, 1891	<i>was about 1995</i>
Edward	Dec. 16, 1892	- lived only 3 hours.
Bernard Benedict	Jan. 24, 1894	June 30, 1911



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April 29, 1997

Mrs. Florence Vanasche

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Dear Mrs. Vanasche:

We wish to acknowledge receiving your application for Century Farm honors. We have reviewed the application and find it complete, and wish to express our congratulations to you and your family on receiving Century Farm status for the historic CARL & ELIZABETH WUNDERLICH FARM, FOUNDED IN 1896. If you wish, you may now post an official Century Farm sign on your property. The signs are available from the following source:

Traffic Safety Supply Co.
Att'n: Myron Boyer
2324 S E Umatilla Street
Portland, OR 97202
Tel. (503) 235-8531

Typically, we try to coordinate the presentation of caligraphed Century Farm certificates in Washington County with the Washington County Historical Society. Alternatively, if you wish to have a family reunion or private ceremony, we can arrange to have the certificate available by late June. Please let me know of your preference.

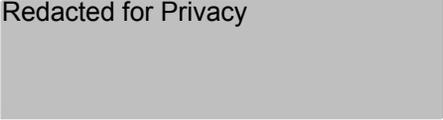
Sincerely,

Ron Brentano, Coordinator
Century Farm Program

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