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Thomas C. Howard

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APPLICATION FOR CENTURY FARM HONORS
Deadline for Filing Application - May 1, 1998

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(Please print or type) Telephone

Your Name Thomas C. Howard

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Your Address _____
(Street, Route or Box #, City, Zip, and County) Harney County

Location of Farm Township 20, Range 35, Section 17

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 "Howard Ranch"

Name of family member(s) who was founder or original owner of farm: Thomas Howard

Founder gained ownership of farm in (year) 1883
(Attach verifying documentation, see Rule 9)

Founder came to Oregon from New York New York (Via Cali Farms)

Who farms the land today? Thomas C Howard & Tom M. Howard

Relationship to original owner Grandson ↑ Great-Grandson ↑

Are any of the original buildings still in use? No

If yes, which ones? _____

If you know crops or livestock raised on farm one hundred years ago, please list Horses, Cattle & Hay

What do you raise on the farm today? Cattle, Horses & Hay

How many generation live on the farm today? 3 Generations

Please list names Thomas C. Howard, Tom M. & Barbara Howard, Heather, Chris & Pat Howard

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

Thomas C. Howard
Signature of Owner

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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Century Farm Program 1998
STATEMENT FORM

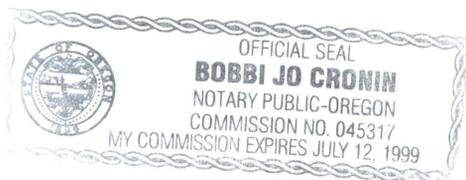
I, Thomas C. Howard
hereby affirm and declare that the farm which I own at
Township 20, Range 35, Section 17 at Drewsey
in Harney County,
shall have been owned by my family as specified in Rule 2
of the RULES FOR 1998 CENTURY FARM PROGRAM for at least
one hundred years by no later that December 31, 1998.

Thomas C. Howard
Signature

-----Acknowledgement- for use of Notary Public-----

State of Oregon

County of Harney
Be it remembered, that on this 1st day of May
1998, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and
for said County and state, personally appeared the within
named Thomas C. Howard
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.

Bobbi Jo Cronin
Notary Public for Oregon

My Commission Expires 7-12-99

Thomas C. Howard
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5 June 1998

Dear Thomas,

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that your **Century Farm** application has been approved. Congratulations on receiving this prestigious honor for the Thomas Howard Farm, founded in 1883. A total of 23 farm and ranch owners submitted applications this year and *all* of them met the requirements for Century Farm status. This brings our grand total of Oregon Century Farms to 921 (recognized since 1958 when the program started).

Now that all 1998 applications have been reviewed, we can begin the process of creating the award certificates. These special documents, signed by Gov. Kitzhaber and dignitaries from the Oregon Historical Society, will be available in the late summer or fall.

To recognize your family's accomplishment, it's customary that the certificate be presented in a meaningful way. If you already have an event in mind—such as a special family reunion—please share that information with me so I can have your Century Farm certificate ready by that date (and attend if you wish). The Harney County Historical Society (573-7225) may be interested in hosting a certificate presentation ceremony, perhaps during a regular meeting or event, when you and other family members can officially receive your Century Farm certificate. These are just some of the options available to you.

If you are interested in sharing recognition of your honor, you may want to purchase a distinctive "CENTURY FARM" sign for your property. Please see the attached fact sheet for the details. The Oregon Historical Society *does not* sell these signs.

Thank you for participating in this popular, and important, heritage program. If you have any questions about the Century Farm Program, please feel free to call me at (503) 306-5215.

Sincerely,

Rick Read
Field Services Coordinator

cc. Dorothea Purdy, Harney County Historical Society

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June 30, 1998

Mr. Rick Read
Field Services Coordinator
Oregon Historical Society
1200 SW Park Avenue
Portland, OR 97205-2483

Dear Mr. Read:

My father, Thomas C. Howard of Drewsey, Oregon, was very pleased that his Century Farm application was approved. However it bothered him to see his property referred to as the "Thomas Howard Farm" in your notification letter of June 5, 1998. Please be aware that this is not the correct name of the property nor of the family business.

Since its inception in 1883, this property has been known as the "Howard Ranch", and it has been used exclusively for ranching operations, not farming operations. We are asking that the historically correct name be used, rather than the one listed in your notification letter.

During the first week in May, I called your office requesting copies of the documents which we had submitted. During that telephone conversation, I specified that the name of the property was the "Howard Ranch". (Enclosed is the photocopy received from your office, with the notation of "Howard Ranch" written on it by someone in your office.)

We request that all Oregon Historical Society's records, communications, award certificates, publications, or documents which refer to our family's property be corrected to reflect the accurate name of "Howard Ranch". This is the name which is historically correct, and the name by which my father would like his property to be known, now as well as in the future.

Thank you for your assistance in correcting this error. It will be very much appreciated!

Sincerely,



Pamela P. Howard

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