

CFR 0643

John Harms

To qualify as a Century Farm a farm must have not less than 10 acres with a gross income from farm use of not less than \$500 per year for three out of the five years immediately preceding application for Century Farm honors.

APPLICATION FOR CENTURY FARM HONORS--1974
(Rules Attached)
Deadline for filing application: July 1, 1974

PLEASE PRINT

Your name (Mr., Mrs., Miss) John Harms

Your address: Route S. Harms Rd. O. Box 26640 Town Canby

Location of farm: 26640 S. Harms Rd. Clackamas
(Address) (County)

Acres in your farm today: 38.9 Acres in original farm: 80

Does your farm comply with the definition at top of page? Yes

Name of family member who was founder or original owner of farm (please print):

John Harms (Grand Father)

Year founder settled on farm? 1872 Where did he come from? Germany

How many families have farmed this land? 3 Generations

Are any of original buildings still in use? house

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? Grand son

If you know crops or livestock raised on farm 100 years ago, please list

potatoes grain + livestock

What do you raise on farm today? Beef Cattle + Hay

How many generations live on the farm today? (Names) 2 John Harms

Bernard + Joan Harms (great grandchildren of original owner) (grandson of original owner)

Has the farm ever been rented? No How many times has original farm been divided? 1

Please list on separate page attached 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

Anna E. Harms

Mail to: Oregon Dept. of Agriculture
Agriculture Bldg., Salem, OR 97310

John Harms
(Signature of owner)

Submitted by John A. Harms 26640 S. Harms Rd
(Name and Address) Canby Oregon

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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Record
of
Portland and Vicinity
Oregon

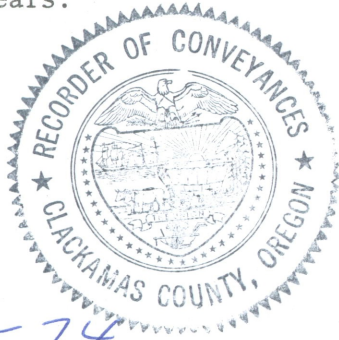
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CERTIFICATION OF OWNERSHIP OF CENTURY FARM

I hereby certify that the farm for which John Harms
(Owner's name and address)

26640 S. Harms Rd. Canby Ore.

is applying for Century Farm Honors, has been in his family continuously for
100 or more years.



6-27-74
(Date)

GEORGE D. POPPEN, County Clerk

* ~~County Commissioner-Recorder~~

by Jemima Tomlin, Deputy

*Please strike office not applicable

have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hunt, Orville B., Hazel and Gladys. Mr. Hunt is a Republican in politics, and is fraternally connected with the Maccabees and the Artisans. He is one of the broad minded, enterprising and public spirited men of his community, and enjoys the respect and good will of all who know him.

HARRY ANTONISEN. Since 1878 Mr. Antonisen has been identified with the upbuilding of Multnomah county, but prior to settling here he had a rather eventful life. His birth occurred in Norway October 5, 1852, and until fourteen years of age he made his home in the town of Laurvig. At this early age he was seized with an uncontrollable desire to try his fortunes on the sea, and shipped before the mast, following this life for eight years. In 1874 he landed on the shores of America, but even yet his taste for a seafaring life was not satiated and he made several trips to sea out of New York. In 1875 he went to San Francisco by the Panama route, and the same year came to Portland. For about twelve years he engaged in salmon fishing during the summer seasons, finding this a remunerative occupation. In the meantime, in 1878, he purchased his present property in Multnomah county, near Palestine. When he bought the land it was heavily timbered and no improvements whatever had been made. By unceasing efforts he has cleared the entire tract, and now has thirteen acres planted to fruits, berries of all kinds, cherries, plums and pears, besides large quantities of potatoes.

In 1884 Mr. Antonisen married Miss Johanna Johnson, also a native of Norway. Seven children were born of this marriage, two of whom died in infancy. Those living are named as follows: Adolph, Ella, Edward, Roy and Lillian. For six years Mr. Antonisen has been school director in his district. In politics he is a Republican, and fraternally is connected by membership with the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Grange.

JOHN HARMS. A résumé of the prominent German-American farmers of Clackamas county were incomplete without due mention of John Harms, who was born in the principality of Oldenburg, northwestern Germany, October 17, 1846. This same portion of the empire had been the home of his ancestors for many generations, his father, Herman, being born there in 1804, and thereafter engaging in seafaring between Germany and New York. His mother, Gretchen (Malstead) Harms, was born in Oldenburg, and died in her native land in 1860.

As was the custom for all the boys of the Fatherland, John Harms was expected to earn his living from fourteen years on, and he put into execution a long cherished desire to follow the uncertain fortunes of the sea. As a cabin boy he soon found his way to Alexandria, Egypt, and thereafter made several trips to the West Indies and China, sailing before the mast for about ten years. At the age of twenty-four he took his last voyage upon the high seas on the *Hertha*, which landed in Portland with a Chinese emigrant cargo of three hundred and nine souls. He lived in Portland a short time and then found employment on a farm near Aurora, Ore., and after eight months began to work on the locks at Oregon City. At the expiration of a year he rented a farm for ten months, and in 1874 bought the homestead of eighty acres which has since been his home. Forty acres of this land are under cultivation at the present time, and Mr. Harms is successfully engaging in a general farming and stock-raising business. The thrift and enterprise for which his countrymen are famed are recognizable in every department of his farm, neatness and order being the key note most apparent to the visitor.

In 1872 Mr. Harms was united in marriage with Gezena Harms, of which union there were born five children: Hermann; Mary, deceased; George, deceased; Hannah; and Dedrick. Mr. Harms is a staunch supporter of the Democratic party, and has served as road supervisor for two years; and as school director and clerk for four years. He is a member of the Lutheran Church at Macksburg.

JAMES W. SMITH. Since 1897 the general merchandise store of James W. Smith has been an integral part of the business world of Macksburg. This thoroughly capable and enterprising citizen was born in Scotland county, Mo., August 21, 1862, his father, Washington G. Smith, having been born in Kentucky. The father became identified with Scotland county, Mo., in 1849, and from there crossed the plains to California with ox-teams, eventually spending a year at mining with but indifferent success. Returning to Missouri via the Horn, he remained there until the time of the Pike's Peak excitement, where he again tried his hand at mining, with about the same results as before. Missouri thereafter continued to be his home until 1875, when he came to Oregon and located near Liberal, where he engaged in farming for two years, and then bought a farm near Macksburg, where he lived until his death. The children born into his family are as follows: Martha, now Mrs. Klingler of Macksburg; Sarah,