

CFR 0683

Archie W. Russell

APPLICATION FOR CENTURY FARM HONORS

COOS

Deadline for filing applications - May 1, 1985

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT:

Your name (Mr., Mrs., MS.) Archie W. Russell

Your address: 3030 Russell Lane North Bend OR 97459
Street, Route, or Box Town Zip

Location of Farm: 3030 Russell Lane North Bend OR Coos
Address County

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. Does your farm meet this qualification? yes

Name of family member who was founder or original owner of farm _____
Sam Crawford

Year founder settled on farm 1856 Where did he come from? UNKNOWN

Who farms the land today? Archie W. & Esther Russell

Relationship to original owner? Grandson

Are any of the original buildings still in use? If so which ones? None

If you know crops or livestock raised on farm one hundred years ago, please list:

Beef Cattle Potatoes

What do you raise on farm today? Beef Cattle

How many generations live on the farm today (Names)? One

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How many times has the original farm been divided? _____

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

Please return form to: _____
A. W. Russell
Signature of Owner

Elizabeth W. Buchler, Field Historian
Oregon Historical Society
1230 S.W. Park Avenue
Portland, Oregon, 97205

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Please send information
on how to get a Century
farm sign to put up at
the entrance to my farm.
My farm is listed as a
Century farm.

A.W. Russell
3030 Russell Lane
North Bend, Or. 97459

Traffic Safety Supply Co
2324 S.E. Umallela St
P+ 97202

235-8531

CERTIFICATION OF OWNERSHIP OF CENTURY FARM

I hereby certify that the farm for which ARCHIE W. RUSSELL
3030 RUSSELL LANE, NORTH BEND, OR. 97459

(owner's Name and Address)

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


Mary Ann Wilson
(County Recorder/Clerk)

April 12, 1985

Date

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The fence belongs to a farm near Cooston that's been in the same family for 100 years, winning

Archie Russell (center) a Century Farm Award today at the Coos County Fair, presented by

Ann Collins (right) and Gordon Ross (left) of the Coos Historical Society. "No one ever thought of

leaving the farm," Russell says of his family. "It's just too nice out here."

Award presented at county fair

Russell place named Century Farm

By LINDA MEIERJURGEN
Staff Writer

MYRTLE POINT — Next time you go for a Sunday drive in the country, you might swing out Russell Lane near Cooston, and take a look at the brand new "Century Farm" sign at the drive to the Archie Russell place.

Russell and his family — as well as their strong country heritage — will be honored with the state designation this afternoon at the Coos County Fair in Myrtle Point, with Gordon Ross and Ann Collins of the Coos Historical Society making the presentation.

Through all the years, Russell says, "No one ever thought of leaving the farm . . . living in the city. It's just too nice out here."

Fair attendance is up only slightly this year, with 3,899 people paying to go through the gates Thurs-

day. That's 11 more people than the same day last year, and about 235 people more than last year have attended the fair this week. The event continues through Sunday.

The Russell family saga begins in 1856 with the arrival of Russell's grandmother, Amelia Crawford, in the Bay Area.

She had a daughter named Amelia-Mable and always called Mable. In the 1870s Russell's dad, a 14-year-old boy from Denmark, came to the Bay Area.

In 1892, Mable and the Danish youth were married and they had eight children, with Archie next-to-youngest. The kids included Martha, Ronald, Martin, Roy, Mable, Lillian and the baby, Arthur.

Archie was born in 1910 and in 1936 it was his turn to take over the homestead Grandmother Crawford had picked. He married a local

girl, Esther Smith, and they have two children, Kenneth and daughter, Elaine Kroll.

Archie's grandmother lived to 90 and occupied a country home in Summer until her death in 1925, he remembers.

The farm started out with some tree and shrub-covered lands and cattle, he says. A brief attempt at dairy farming in the 1930s proved a casualty of the hard times of the Great Depression, Russell says, adding he frequently had to work in the woods, and in a few mills in order to hang on to the operation.

"We still never thought of leaving, though . . . and I wouldn't ever leave now," he says. His wife helped feed the cows and the farm prospered.

The farm is back to cattle now — about 26 head of white face — and most of the trees have been cleared, Russell says.

The 80 acres is now alive with the sounds and smells of summer, but each season has its charms; all seasons offer a chance for non-farm folk to partake of country experience.

Fairs really started in the country as seasonal social and business events and the Coos County Fair still boasts some of this flavor.

Tonight's events include a free show on the midway at 5 p.m., the rodeo at 8 p.m. Saturday includes another two shows at 1:30 and 4:30 p.m., the rodeo at 8 p.m. and both square dancing and western dancing in the evening.

Sunday is family day and admission is half-price, with the last free show at 3 p.m. and loggers shodeo beginning at 1:30 p.m. The fairgrounds in Myrtle Point open at 8 a.m. and close at 11 p.m., with the fair ending at 5 p.m. Sunday.