

CFR 0725

Bernice Jackson Hoffman

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) Bernice Jackson Hoffman

Your address: Route 1 P.O. Box 645 Town Hood River

Location of farm: Route 1 Hood River Hood River
(Address) (County)

Acres in your farm today: 17.45 Acres in original farm: 16⁹⁻⁶⁰

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):
Capt. Francis Marion Jackson

Year founder settled on farm? Dec. 1871 Where did he come from? Tennessee

How many families have farmed this land? 3

Are any of original buildings still in use? No / ¹⁸⁸⁵ There is a cemenetry, established in 1885. See separate page.

Who farms land today? You? Yes A renter? _____ A manager? _____ Other? _____

If you own the farm but live ~~in town~~, do you manage the farming operation? Yes

What relation are you to the original owner? (1 mile from farm) Granddaughter

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

Dairy and beef stock, hogs, goats, chickens; Potatoes, also

onions, and other vegetables which were used in trade for staples.

Apples became the chief crop as land could be cleared. A Gravenstein

What do you raise on farm today? Bartlett Pears - some hay and pasture.

How many generations live on the farm today? (Names) None

Has the farm ever been rented? No How many times has original farm been divided? 7

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

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

Bernice Jackson Hoffman
(Signature of owner)

still produces.

Submitted by Mrs. Bernice Jackson Hoffman, Route 1 Box 645,
(Name and Address) Hood River, Oregon 97031

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Francis Marion Jackson, my grandfather, left Morristown, Tenn. for Oregon, October 1871. He was accompanied by his wife, Elizabeth & their three children, Carrie Lillian, age 5; William F., 3; and John B., 18 mos. Also with the party was Martha Cordelia Thurmond (sometimes spelled Thurman), a sister of my grandmother's.

The trip to San Francisco was by passenger coach on a freight train. On the way north from San Francisco my grandfather had intended to investigate the Marshfield area, but rough, high seas prevented the captain of the sailing vessel from crossing into the bay.

All passengers were brought to Portland. The family only stayed long enough to arrange for the boat trip to The Dalles, where they stayed at the Umatilla House until temporary housing was found.

My grandfather started immediately for Hood River. He had heard of the valley while gold mining in California in the 1850's. He had met a man by the name of Peter Neal who had been to Dog River settlement (now known as Hood River). He was most enthusiastic about the valley and planned to claim land there. Mr. Neal carried out his plans and was arranging to start a sawmill operation when my grandfather arrived.

Seven miles south of the Columbia River on the Eastside of the valley, my grandfather found land which satisfied him. When asked why he passed up so much unclaimed, virgin land nearer the river, he would reply, "In Tennessee land that raised the best crops was where the hazel brush grew. When I discover a lush growth of hazel, that's where I decided to stop".

(Incidentally, the best soil in H.R. valley is identified as VAN HORN LOAM by the Soils Conservation Agency. According to the records in the Agency's office, there are only three parcels of land in the valley in this top classification. The 17+ acres which I own and farm is one of the parcels.)

My grandfather filed his claim at The Dalles and brought his family to a little log cabin belonging to Peter Neal, just two months after having left Tennessee.

That winter he worked in the mill for Mr. Neal in trade for lumber to build his house. In May the family moved in. It was the first house built of sawed lumber on the Eastside of H.R. valley.

The three adults who came in 1871 are all buried in a family plot adjoining my property. My grandmother died in 1885. Martha, the first child born to the family in Oregon, died of scarlet fever in 1891 at the age of 17. The two share the same beautiful marker. Martha C. Thurmond died in 1905 and my grandfather in 1914. Each have large granite markers.

I maintain the burial spot which is located among the original oaks, firs, maples and several hazel bushes. It is truly a beautiful spot ... especially when the daffodils and other bulbs bloom. Some of the bulbs have never been disturbed since they were planted by my grandfather. It is the only one of 5 or 6 family burial grounds in the valley to be tended and cared for.

CERTIFICATION OF OWNERSHIP OF CENTURY FARM

I hereby certify that the farm for which Bernice J. Hoffman
(Owner's name and address)
Rt. 1 Box 645, Hood River, Oregon 97031

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

K.W. Kirby, Director
Department of Records & Assessment

V. Routson, Deputy
* ~~County Commissioner~~-Recorder

June 28, 1974
(Date)

*Please strike office not applicable

Francis M. Jackson, with his family, came to Hood River in 1871. He took up a homestead on the East side on which he lived nearly forty three years.

He was born in Athens, Tennessee on December 13, 1836, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Jackson, being pioneers of that state. They moved to Morristown, of the same state, while he was still small.

He grew to manhood and received an academic education in his home town. In 1853 he drove an ox team to Missouri and in the spring of 1856 journeyed to California and engaged in mining. The death of his father called him home in the fall of 1858.

On June 8, 1859, he was married to Miss Elizabeth Thurman, and bought a farm and a number of slaves on credit soon after the Civil War began. In June 1861 he enlisted in the 4th Battalion of Tennessee Cavalry, known as Peck's Light Dragoons. He was soon promoted to the office of lieutenant and then to that of captain.

He was in the Fisher Creek battle and two battles near Vicksburg. At the battle of Black River he was taken prisoner and held on Johnson's Island, near Sandusky, Ohio, for eighteen months when he was exchanged. After a short stay at his old home he rejoined his former regiment and was serving as colonel when the war closed. When Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederacy, was captured, Captain Jackson was one of his escorts, but temporarily absent. At the close of the war he returned to his farm and endeavored to pay off his debts contracted in the purchase of slaves before the war. He served as city recorder for two years, then, with his obligations discharged he turned to the West.

He came to The Dalles and learned of Hood River, he visited it in its primitive wildness and was fascinated, and this became his permanent home. His wife was a relative of Captain Lewis, of "Lewis and Clark" fame. Together Mr. and Mrs. Jackson labored in Hood River, he had no work in which she did not share, suffered no privations in which she was not an equal partner.

They improved their farm, raised a family of five children, contributed to

the general welfare of the community and won the respect of their neighbors. He served for thirty years as school director in the Pine Grove District. He always took an active part in public affairs. Mrs. Jackson died in 1885. Mr. Jackson's health began to fail in the fall of 1913, he died at his home on January 12, 1914. The children surviving are Mrs. Carrie Gerdes, J. B. and D. H. Jackson of Hood River, W. F. Jackson of Moro and Francis J. Jackson, a Baptist minister of Center-ville, Washington.

In compliance with the request of Captain Jackson he was buried in his Confederate uniform.

"Under the sod and the dew,
 Waiting the Judgment day,
 Love and tears for the Blue,
 Tears and love for the Gray."

From an article concerning Captain Jackson published in a Portland paper I quote: "Although he fought under the Stars and Bars in the Civil War, Captain Jackson numbered among his best friends the members of the Grand Army Post here."

"We fought against each other", said E. D. Calkins, an old veteran who lost his leg at Antietam, "but I have never had a better friend". Members of the Canby Post acted as pallbearers.

HISTORY OF EARLY PIONEER FAMILIES OF HOOD RIVER, OREGON,
Compiled by Mrs. D. M. Coon

Copied from the original volume in Hood River County Library.

July 1, 1974

Jim Hollon, Director
Information Services
Oregon Dept. of Agriculture
Agriculture Building,
Salem, Ore. 97310

Dear Mr. Hollon:

This morning I mailed my application for a Century Farm Award. I included some papers of proof. Among them was my grandfather's Homestead certificate (copy). I had two copies and am wondering if I enclosed both copies by mistake as I can't find the other copy.

I need the second copy and would appreciate your mailing it back to me or if there is only one copy, will you make a copy for me?

I thank you kindly.

Very truly yours,

Bernice J. Hoffman

Mrs. Bernice J. Hoffman
Route 1, Box 645
Hood River, Oregon 97031

*Her copy returned July 3, 1974
after making copy for Dept
files*

JUL 3 1974

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME GREETING:

Ex. Homestead Certificate ^{No.} 769.

Application No 2011.

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WHEREAS, There has been deposited in the GENERAL LAND OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES a Certificate of the Register of the Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, whereby it appears that pursuant to the Act of Congress approved 20th May 1862 " To secure Homesteads to Actual Settlers on the Public Domain, and the acts Supplemental thereto the claim of Francis M. Jackson, has been established and duly consummated in conformity to law for the Northwest quarter of section thirty in township two north of range eleven east of Willamett Meridian in Oregon, containing one hundred and sixty three acres and sixty hundredths of an acre according to the official plat of the survey of the said land returned to the General Land Office by the Surveyor General.

Now Know Ye, That there is therefore granted by the United States unto the said Francis^{M.} Jackson the tract of land above described; TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, the said tract of land with the appurtenances thereof unto the said Francis M. Jackson and to his heirs and assigns forever; subject to any vested and accrued water rights for mining, agricultural manufacturing or other purposes; and rights to ditches and reservoirs used in connection with such water rights as may be recognized and acknowledged by the local customs, laws and decisions of Courts, and also subject to the right of the proprietor of a vein or lode to extract and remove his ore therefrom should the same be found to penetrate or intersect the premises hereby granted as provided by law.

In Testimony Whereof I Grover Cleveland President of the United States of America have caused these Letters to be made Patent and the Seal of the General Land Office to

with such water rights as may be recognized and acknowledged by the local customs, laws and decisions of Courts, and also subject to the right of the proprietor of a vein or lode to extract and remove his ore therefrom should the same be found to penetrate or intersect the premises hereby granted as provided by law.

In Testimony Whereof I Grover Cleveland President of the United States of America have caused these Letters to be made Patent and the Seal of the General Land Office to be hereunto affixed.

Given under my hand at the City of Washington, the twenty eighth day of February in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and eighty nine and of the independence of the United States the one hundred and thirteenth.

By the President Grover Cleveland,

(SEAL)

By M. McKean. Secretary.

Robt. W. Ross.

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Recorder of the General Land Office.

I hereby Certify That the above Patent was filed for Record on the 30th day of March 1891 at 10 minutes past 2 o'clock P. M.

J. B. Crossen.

County clerk.

By J. A. Crossen. Deputy.

Transcribed from Wasco County Records Book "M" of Patents Page 108.

Bargain and Sale Deed

Filed for record July 24, 1915 at 3:30 P. M.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That D. M. Jackson and Mary C. Jackson, his wife, Francis R. Jackson and Lulu Jackson, his wife, and Carrie L. Gerdes and John H. Gerdes, her husband, in consideration of the sum of One (\$1,000 Dollar and other valuable considerations to them paid by Wm. F. Jackson and J. B. Jackson, have bargained and sold and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said Wm. F. Jackson, and J. B. Jackson, their heirs and assigns, all the following bounded and described real property, situated in the County of Hood River and State of Oregon, to-wit:

Beginning at the center of the southwest quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$) of the northwest quarter of Section 30, Township 2 North, Range 11 East of the Willamette Meridian; thence northerly along the subdivisional line 1663.7 feet; thence easterly parallel with the North line of said Section 622.8 feet; thence southwesterly with an interior angle of 78 deg. 36 min. 545.3 feet; thence southeasterly with an exterior angle of 112 deg. 45 min. 217.2 feet to the North and south sixteenth line of the northwest quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$) of said section; thence southerly along said sixteenth line 1001.1 feet; thence westerly 696.1 feet to the point of beginning, reserving and excepting therefrom the cemetery, containing 24.4 acres of land, more or less.

Also beginning in the sixteenth corner in the North line of the Northwest quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section 30, Township 2 North, Range 11 East of the Willamette Meridian; thence southwesterly with an angle to the southwest of 78 degrees 36 minutes 783.6 feet; thence with an interior angle of 112 degrees 45 minutes 1044.5 feet; thence easterly 641.3 feet to a point in the north and south center line of said section; thence northerly along said north and south center line of said Section 1282.7 feet to a point 165 feet south of the North quarter corner of said section; thence westerly parallel with the north line of the northwest quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$) of said Section and 165 feet distant therefrom to the North and South sixteenth line of said Northwest quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$) of said Section; thence northerly along said last mentioned line 165 feet to the place of beginning, containing 37.4 acres of land, more or less.

Together with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, and also all our estate, right, title and interest in and to the same.

To have and to hold the above described and granted premises unto the said Wm. F. Jackson and J. B. Jackson, their heirs and assigns forever.

In witness whereof, the grantors above named, hereunto set their hands and seals this 10th day of July, A. D. 1915.

Done in the presence of
us as witnesses:
Mina Halverson A. J. Derby
As to signatures of D. M. and Mary C. Jackson,
and Carrie L. Gerdes
and John H. Gerdes.

D. M. Jackson (SEAL)
Mary C. Jackson (SEAL)
Francis R. Jackson (SEAL)
Lulu Jackson (SEAL)

Witnesses as to signatures
of Francis R. & Lulu Jackson
Della Goff J. B. Goff

Carrie L. Gerdes

(SEAL)

John H. Gerdes

(SEAL)

State of Oregon)
County of Hood River)

) ss. On this 10th day of July, 1915, before me the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared the within named D. M. Jackson and Mary C. Jackson, his wife, Francis R. Jackson and Lulu Jackson, his wife, and Carrie L. Gerdes and John H. Gerdes, her husband, to me known to be the identical persons described in and who executed the within instrument and acknowledged to me that they executed the same freely and voluntarily for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Notarial Seal the day and year last above written.

A. J. Derby

Notarial Seal

Notary Public for Oregon.

My commission expires Oct. 28, 1916.

State of Oregon)
County of Gilliam)

) ss. On this 15 day of July, 1915, before me the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared the within named Francis R. Jackson and Lulu Jackson, his wife, to me known to be the identical persons described in and who executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same freely and voluntarily for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Notarial Seal the day and year last above written.

J. B. Goff

Notarial Seal

Notary Public for Oregon.

My commission expires Jan. 28, 1917.

(Doc. Rev. stamps \$10.50 7/15/15 A. J. D.)

Mrs. Carrie Lillian Jordan, daughter of
Captain Francis Marion Jackson, born on
the 5th. of April 1866 near Winchester,
Coffee County, Tennessee. Large log house
on a farm, one year after end of Civil War.
Father taught school. At one year of age
family moved to Morristown Tenn. where
they formerly lived. Owing to existing
conditions family had been forced to move
to country during the war. While in
Morristown they lived in large house
on main street which had been formerly
occupied by Mr. Jackson's parents. Lived
here until the age of five when family
moved West. Left Morristown in Oct.
1871. Party consisted of Mrs. + Mrs. F. M.
Jackson, + three children, John, Will, + Lillian.
Also Cordelia Thomas, sister of Mrs. Jordan.
Party traveled in passenger coach on freight
train to San Francisco, transferred in
~~San Francisco~~ From ~~San Francisco~~ took steamship
to Portland, Oregon. Heavy storm came

Considerably delay in crossing Columbia River
River. So severe that ship nearly was sunk.
This ship was wrecked & sunk on the
next voyage. Portland at this time was
a small town consisting of a number of
shanties. Stayed in Portland a few days
then took steamboat on Columbia River
to The Dalles. Capt. of boat was Capt
M^r Vulty of The Dalles. Stayed at
Wmatilla House for a few days.
Arrived in The Dalles one month
after leaving Tennessee. Rented a
house and remained at The Dalles one
month, near Thompsons. Mr & Mrs Welch
lived in house on same lot. Mrs. Welch
took care of Mrs. Jackson who was quit
at this time. Mr. Welch and Mr.
Jackson during the month came to
Hood River, later moved Hood River,
and located claims in the locality

later known as Pine Grove. Mr. Welch's
claim is ~~now~~ now the Billy Sudy
and ~~of~~ Rhode place. Mr. H. Coram
who lived in The Dells came to H. R.
with the above two and showed them
the county as had already been seen.
He also located a claim at this time.
Mr. Jackson returned to The Dells and
made arrangements for families to follow
him to H. R. while waiting for the
house for a family, and in house
known as old Whitchel house, some
~~place~~ which is now part of the ~~Whitchel~~
place. The family came by boat with Mr.
Coram landing at Stanley Rock where they
were met by Mrs. Jackson and Joe Ward.
All had breakfast at Mr. Stanley's. The
snow was falling fast. Had dinner
at Bill Ward's place (Butler) who took
them all to the county.

Road led over the hill through heavy
forest. Only places settled at this time
were that of Milton Neal + Joe Diver.

Snowed all day. Arrived at home about
dark. Mr. P. Neal had warm fire
burning at home when party arrived.

Stayed until about April 1847 when they
moved to Jackson household house. In
the meantime Mr. Jackson had worked for
Mr. Neal in sawmill. (Harbison place) in
exchange for timber to build his house.
Lived there until 31 years of age when she
was married to J. H. G. They lived
from then on in H. R. etc.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That Wm. F. Jackson and Carrie C. Jackson, husband and wife,

in consideration of Ten Dollars, and other valuable considerations to them paid by Bernice M. Jackson

do hereby grant, bargain, sell and convey unto said Bernice M. Jackson

her heirs and assigns, all the following real property, with the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances, situated in the

County of Hood River and State of Oregon, bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at the center of the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 30, Township 2 North, Range 11 East of the Willamette Meridian; thence northerly along the subdivisional line 1663.7 feet; thence easterly parallel with the North line of said Section 622.8 feet; thence southwesterly with an interior angle of 78°36' 545.3 feet; thence southeasterly with an exterior angle of 112°45' 217.2 feet to the North and South sixteenth line of the NW 1/4 of said section; thence southerly along said sixteenth line 1001.1 feet; thence westerly 696.1 feet to the point of beginning, reserving and excepting therefrom the cemetery containing 24.4 acres of land, more or less, and also excepting therefrom the following tract:

Commencing at a stake 325 feet South of and 689.6 feet East of the Northwest corner of Section 30, Township 2 North, Range 11 East of the Willamette Meridian; thence East 622.8 feet; thence South 11 degrees 40 minutes West 452.0 feet; thence West 158.1 feet; thence South 9 degrees 42 minutes West 92.5 feet; thence West 357.8 feet; thence North 534.2 feet, more or less, to the place of beginning; reserving, however, a certain cemetery located in the SE corner of the above described tract, approximately 158.1 feet by 92.5 feet; containing 6.6 acres.

To Have and to Hold, the above described and granted premises unto the said Bernice M. Jackson

her heirs and assigns forever

And the grantor.s above named, do covenant to and with the above named grantee her heirs and assigns

that they are lawfully seized in fee simple of the above granted premises, that the above granted premises are free from all incumbrances,

and that they will and their heirs, executors and administrators, shall warrant and forever defend the above granted premises, and every part and parcel thereof, against the lawful claims and demands of all persons whomsoever

Witness our hand.s and seal.s this 4th day of October, 1940

Executed in the Presence of

Wm F. Jackson (SEAL)
Carrie C. Jackson (SEAL)
(SEAL)
(SEAL)

STATE OF OREGON,

County of Wasco

ss.

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 4th day of October A. D. 1940

before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared the within named Wm. F. Jackson and Carrie C. Jackson, husband and wife, who are known to me to be the identical individual(s) described in and who executed the within instrument and acknowledged to me that they executed the same freely and voluntarily.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal the day and year last above written.

Mable... Dickinson
Notary Public for Oregon.

My Commission expires October 12, 1941



WARRANTY DEED

Wm. F. Jackson and
Carrie C. Jackson, husband
and wife,

TO

Hernice M. Jackson

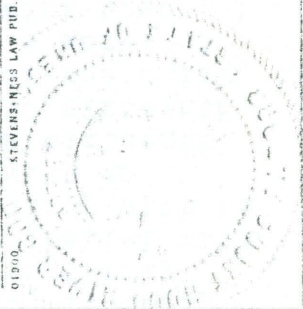
STATE OF OREGON, } ss.
County of *Wasco*

I certify that the within instrument was received for record on the 26th day of *November* A. D. 19*40*, at *2:10* o'clock *P.M.*, and recorded in book *288* on page *388* Record of Deeds of said County.

Witness my hand and seal of County affixed.

M. L. J... ..
County Clerk.
Recorder of Conveyances.
By *Effie B. Turnear*
Deputy.

STEVENS-NEES LAW PUB. CO., PORTLAND



AUG 29 1974

Allen's P. C. B. Est. 1888

'First' Century Farm Issued Certificate

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Conversation between Tennesseans about a beautiful spot in the Northwest led to what is now Hood River county's first Century Farm.

It is the fruit ranch owned by Bernice Jackson Hoffman, who received a century farm certificate in Salem at the Oregon State Fair on Saturday last week.

Making the award, Gov. Tom McCall noted that Mrs. Hoffman's certificate was the first to be received by a farmer in Hood River county.

To qualify, a farm must have been operated continuously in the same family for 100 years or more. It must never have been rented, must have not less than 10 acres with a gross income from farm uses of not less than \$500 a year for three successive years before the certificate application is filed. There were 26 of the certificates issued this year, bringing the total for Oregon to 564.

Hood River county's first century farm was established in 1871 by Capt. Francis Marion Jackson, Mrs. Hoffman's grandfather, who applied for a homestead right in November that year for a place on the valley's east side, seven miles south of the Columbia river. He received his homestead certificate 16 years later.

The move to Hood River (Dog River when Capt. Jackson learned of it) was the culmination of a search by Capt. Jackson for the right place for his family to settle down.

He left Morristown, Tenn., in October of 1871 accompanied by his wife, Elizabeth, and their three children, Lillian, 5, William F., 3, and John B., 18 months. Also in the party was his sister-in-law, Martha Cordelia Thurmond.

They traveled by train to San Francisco, and boarded a boat

for a stormy ocean trip to the Northwest. Capt. Jackson intended to investigate the Marshfield area before coming to the mid-Columbia, but the storm prevented a bar crossing there, so the passengers were taken to Portland.

The idea for his trip had germinated many years before in Jackson's mind. In the early 1850's, when he was 17 years old, Jackson had gone with an uncle to the California gold fields. There he met another Tennessean, Peter Neal, who was a freighter between the

Willamette Valley and San Francisco.

Neal had been to the settlement that was known as Dog River and was enthusiastic about the valley and planned to claim land there.

So when Jackson headed West to settle, he wanted to look over the area Neal was so fond of, and perhaps to meet Neal again.

After the Jackson family arrived in Portland in 1871, they stayed there just long enough to book passage for The Dalles. They stayed at the Umatilla

House until temporary housing could be found.

Jackson finally checked out the Hood River Valley, and found the land he wanted on the east side of the valley seven miles from the Columbia. When he was later asked why he passed up so much unclaimed virgin land close to the river, he would answer, "In Tennessee, land that raised the best crops was where the hazel brush grew. When I found a lush growth of hazel, I decided to stake my claim."

The farm's present owner

says the Soil Conservation Service has classified her acreage as Van Horn loam, identified as the best soil in the valley—illustrating the wisdom of her grandfather's judgment.

Jackson applied for his claim at The Dalles, and brought his family to Hood River in December of 1871.

And he did find his old friend from California days, Peter Neal. They spent the first winter in a log cabin on the Neal place, and Jackson worked at Neal's sawmill for lumber to build his house. In May, the Jackson house was completed and the family moved in.

"It was the first house on the east side of the valley to be built of sawed lumber," says Mrs. Hoffman.

He started clearing the land, and raising vegetables to trade for other staples. Soon he had cattle, hogs, and goats—the

goats to help clear brushy sections of the farm. Apples became the main crop as fast as land could be provided.

"In 1940 I removed the old apple orchard, because many of the odd varieties had very little commercial value," says Mrs. Hoffman. "Only one Gravenstein tree remains from the original planting." The farm is now set to Bartlett pears.

The three adults who came in the original party are all buried now in a family plot adjoining the pear orchard. Also there is the first child born to the family in Oregon, Martha, who died of scarlet fever when she was 17 years old.

The plot is now maintained by the century farm's present owner, and the markers are shaded by oaks, firs, maples—and the hazel bushes that told Francis Marion Jackson where to settle.

The Dalles, Oregon
Chronicle
(Cir. D. 5,622)

JUL 31 1974

Allen's P. C. B. Est. 1888

Hood River Farm In Century Club

HOOD RIVER — The Bernice Jackson Hoffman farm is first century farm certified by the Oregon State Department of Agriculture in Hood River County.

This farm was settled by her grandfather, Capt. Francis Marion Jackson in 1871.

Century farms are certified each year with the 1974 deadline July 1. Applications can be made for inclusion on next year's list.

To be eligible for "Century Farm" honors, the farm must

have been in the same family and farmed by them continuously for 100 years, never having been rented, the owner must reside in Oregon.

The farm must be at least 10 acres, it must have a gross income from farm use of not less than \$500 per year for three out of five years immediately preceding the application for "Century Farms" honors.

The oldest farm on the list of 1974 is the Paul J. Grand farm, Canby, settled in 1846 by John Gribble, the great grandfather of

Mrs. Grant. The largest farm in this year's group is 4,200 acres and is owned by Dennis Lemons, Mt. Vernon.

Clackamas and Douglas Counties each certified four farms to lead the group.

Certificates supplied by the Oregon Historical Society will be presented to new farms on the list during the Oregon State Fair August 24 at 12:30 p.m.

Twenty-six new farms were certified this year bringing the total to 564 since the program was begun in 1953.