

CFR 0781

Homer A. Dowell

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--1976  
(Rules Attached)  
Deadline for filing application: July 1, 1976

## PLEASE PRINT

Your name (Mr., ~~Mrs.~~, Miss) Homer A Dowell

Your address: Route 2 ~~P.O.~~ Box 395 Town Jefferson, Ore. 97352

Location of farm: Rt# 2 Box# 395 Jefferson, Oregon Marion  
(Address) (County)

Acres in your farm today: 33 Acres in original farm: 62

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):  
Ashby West

Year founder settled on farm? January 1876 Where did he come from? England

How many families have farmed this land? 3

Are any of original buildings still in use? Yes

Who farms land today? You? ~~Yes~~ A renter? yes 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? GRANDSON

If you know crops or livestock raised on farm 100 years ago, please list  
Grain - HAY - Milk cows - Horses.

What do you raise on farm today? Grain; Row Crops

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

Has the farm ever been rented? NO How many times has original farm been divided? \_\_\_\_\_

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

Homer A. Dowell  
(Signature of owner)

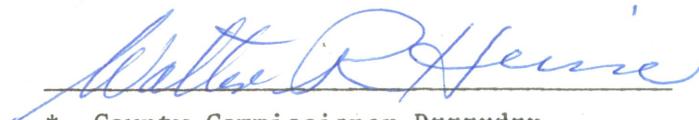
Form A - Century Farm Program

Oregon Department of Agriculture  
Oregon Historical Society

CERTIFICATION OF OWNERSHIP OF CENTURY FARM

I hereby certify that the farm for which Homer A. Dowell  
(Owner's name and address)  
Rt. 2, Box 395, Jefferson, Oregon

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

  
\* County Commissioner-Recorder

May 19, 1976  
(Date)

\*Please strike office not applicable

Marion County

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

New "Century Farm"  
5064

## ARCHIE DOWELL FARM

Jefferson OR  
Review  
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SIXTY-SIX FARMS ON 1976  
"CENTURY FARM" LIST

Sixty-six Oregon farms owned and operated continuously by the same family for a century or more have been added to the state's "Century Farm" list this year.

The addition to the "Century Farm" list of these new farms brings to 630 the number of Oregon farms certified as "Century Farms" since the program was started in 1958 by the Oregon Historical Society and Oregon Department of Agriculture.

Among those added to the list is the 33-acre farm of Homer (Archie) Dowell, located at Route 2, Box 395, Marion Road, Jefferson.

The farm, originally 62 acres, was settled by Dowell's grandfather, Ashley West in 1876. West had come to the Willamette Valley directly from Kent, England, and his wife, Alice West, was also a native of England. Ashley West died in 1914, and Ashley West died in 1928. Both are buried in the Jefferson Cemetery.

The Wests had five children, all raised on the Marion Road farm. The present house which was built in 1891. Among the five children was Alice West, who, as a young woman, married William Dowell. Homer Dowell is their only child and the family moved onto the farm when he was about 10 years old and still lives there with his wife, Hazel.

William Dowell died in 1919 and Alice West Dowell passed away in 1928. They too are buried in the Jefferson Cemetery.

Homer Dowell is the 3rd generation to reside on the farm which was one time a part of the Bates Donat Land Claim.

Dowell is uncertain but he believes that the barn on the farm could possibly be one of the original buildings.

The new "Century Farmers" will be honored at a special program at the Oregon State Fair Tuesday, August 41, at 2 p.m. The event, which is planned as part of Oregon's Bicentennial celebration, is being arranged by the Oregon Historical Society and Department of Agriculture in cooperation with the Oregon State Fair.

Presented to owners during special ceremonies will be a permanent certificate in the name of the ancestor settling the farm. These are provided by the Oregon Historical Society.

Twenty-one counties are represented by "Century Farms" this year. This is the first time for two of the counties, Harney and Wallowa, to be represented. Linn county has the most farms with nine; Clackamas and Marion Counties are next, each with seven; and Baker and Washington Counties each have six.

Oldest farm in the group registering this year is that of Mr. and Mrs. Orie H. Cox, Route 2, Box 336, Clatsop, located eight miles north of Albany.