

CFR 0793

Henry E. and Mabel L. Miller

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APPLICATION FOR CENTURY FARM HONORS

Deadline for filing application - May 1, 1990

Please type or print:

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tel.: Privacy

Your name (Mr., Mrs., Ms.) Henry E. and Mabel L. Miller

Your address Redacted for Privacy

Street, Route, or Box City ZIP Code

Location of Farm Redacted for Privacy Marion County
Address County

To qualify as a Century Farm, a farm must have no fewer 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 _____

Henry Miller Sr. and Celine Eckerlin Miller

Founder gained ownership of farm in (Year) 1888 ATTACH VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION. (see rule 9)

Founder came to Oregon from _____, Alsace-Lorraine, France

Who farms the land today? Henry Ernest Miller

Relationship to original owner son

Are any of the original buildings still in use? no If so, which ones?

If you know crops or livestock raised on farm one hundred years ago, please list: dairy cows, grain, hogs, chickens, fruit trees

What do you raise on the farm today? cattle, sheep, grass seed, hay

How many generations live on the farm today? 2 Please list names: _____

Thomas L. Millers, Henry E. Millers

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

PLEASE RETURN FORM TO:

Century Farm Program
Oregon Historical Society
1230 S.W. Park Avenue
Portland, Oregon 97205

Mrs Henry E. Miller
Signature of Owner

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STATEMENT FORM

I, Henry E. and Mabel L. Miller, hereby affirm
(print name)

and declare that the farm which I own at

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(full address)

Sublimity Oregon, in Marion County,

mile 2

shall have been owned by my family as specified in Rule 2 of the
RULES FOR 1990 CENTURY FARM PROGRAM for at least one hundred years by
no later than December 31, 1990.

Mabel L. Miller

Signature

- - - - - Acknowledgement (for use of Notary Public) - - - - -

STATE OF OREGON

County of Marion

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 27th day of April,
19 90, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for
said County and State, personally appeared the within named

Mabel Miller

known to me to be the identical individual described in and who
executed the within instrument and acknowledged to me that _____
executed the same freely and voluntarily.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto
set my hand and affixed my official
seal the day and year last above written.

Susan S. Schmidt-Bernt
Notary Public for Oregon

Commission Expires 5-15-91

February 9 - 1988

Sublimity Oregon

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Oregon Historical Society
1230 S.W. Park Avenue
Portland Oregon 97205.

Mr. Mr and Mrs Henry E Miller
wish to apply for application
blanks for Century Farm.

Our Farm is 1/2 mile from
Sublimity Oregon, and was in
the family since 1888.

Could you please send
blanks and instructions for
this purpose. as soon as possible

Thank you.

Mr and Mrs Henry E Miller

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apps. sent 2/10/88

Henry & Muller

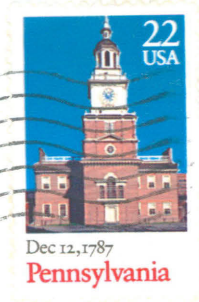
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Century Farm Program

September 6, 1990

Henry E. & Mabel L. Miller
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Dear Mr. & Mrs. Miller:

We are very pleased to announce that the 1990 Century Farm awards for Marion County will be presented at the Annual Meeting and Dinner of the MARION COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Monday evening, October 1st, beginning at 6 pm at the McNary Restaurant, McNary Golf Course, 6225 River Road North, Salem.

Dinner will be \$13.50 per person, with payment due by September 28. Please make reservations directly with the Marion County Historical Society by calling 364-2128.

The program will include a slate of officers for consideration of the membership, the introduction of new board members, and the keynote speaker will be William J. Tramosch, Executive Director of the Oregon Historical Society. A certificate honoring your Century Farm will be presented to you at that time.

We really look forward to seeing you at this historic event!

Sincerely,

Ron Brentano, Coordinator
CENTURY FARM PROGRAM

SUBLIMITY

The Story of an Oregon Countryside

1850-1950

By MARK SCHMID



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St. Benedict, Oregon

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have been a store site from the beginning. The first store building located there was put up in the late sixties by Mr. Hobson. Later a Mr. Glass operated a general merchandise store nearby.

The first Catholic settlers to arrive in Sublimity came in the seventies. It seems that among them was a French Canadian from Gervais called Nicolas LaCroix. Being a trader by profession he started the LaCroix store. He and others gradually interested more Catholics to come West to this beautiful country spot. People here had some relatives in Minnesota and Wisconsin whom they told about this part of the country. Thus we find that from 1875 to 1879 a number of prominent families moved into Sublimity. Among these we have the Zuber, Doerfler, Glass, Eckerlin, Fink, Susbauer, Schott, Hubbert, Joseph, Kleckner, Frank, Fischer, Klutch, Heater, Schmidt, Smith, Klinger, Heuberger, Hanf and Swartz families. Nearly all of these came from Minnesota, or Wisconsin, as did those who followed them in the next ten years.

Concerning many of these early Catholic families little beyond their name is known today. After diligent search I have been able to gather more details about several of them so that one can get a glimpse of the part they played in the early building of Sublimity. One of these is William Schmidt, a good Catholic pioneer who had emigrated from Cologne, Germany, in 1873, settling first at Peru, Illinois, where he resided four years and married Minnie Stoetzel. In the fall of 1877 he came West and settled first at Corvallis, but after six months he purchased a farm northeast of Sublimity

(later the Steinberger place). There were only about five Catholic families resident about Sublimity at this time, but they decided to ask Archbishop Blanchet to send them a missionary, since the nearest church then was at Salem. Accordingly, in 1879 Fr. Peter Stampfl who was doing missionary work about the State came to hold the first church services in private homes, since no church building was available. He did not come regularly, but before long (1880) rented a vacant building which stood on the ground now occupied by the Sublimity Building Supply store.* It served the needs of the faithful until a heavy snow in 1882 caused the roof to collapse, fortunately when no one was inside. Fr. Stampfl then purchased the delapidated Sublimity College building which stood to the east of town, and which had not been used for some time. It was slowly repaired and finally turned to good use. The fact that it was divided into small rooms did not make it an ideal church, and as the congregation grew it soon became necessary to build an addition to it for the congregation, and soon the entire building was to serve another purpose, as we shall see later.

However, we are somewhat ahead of our story, and shall return in a later chapter to events which happened during the eighties. The people who now lived here were newcomers from far and near. The family which lived on the historic Wm. Hobson place were the Henry Millers.** Mrs. Miller's

*The Cath. Sentinel for Feb. 5, 1880 says, "a Fr. Van Lin, lately of Baker City, was made pastor of Albany and the surrounding mission of Sublimity. He is said to have been the person who purchased the United Brethren Church building at Sublimity and made it into a Catholic edifice." Old pioneers of the time asserted Fr. Stampfl performed this act. It will have to stand thus, uncertain.

**Data supplied by Adele Miller Carroll, daughter of H. Miller.

maiden name was Eckerlin, and her family originally came from Bordeaux, France, where they were in the wine business. After the Franco-Prussian war in 1870, they moved to America from Alsace-Lorraine, where John Eckerlin for several years had grown grapes for a special wine at the foot of the Vosges Mountains. They bought 140 acres of land on the outskirts of Chicago. Today this tract of land is within the city limits.

In about two years the family moved from Chicago to Portland, Ore. There, after several weeks of deliberation, they decided to go on to Salem. John Eckerlin again purchased land about two miles west of Sublimity. It was there that the youngest daughter, Celine, met Peter Hosch, a young doctor from Wisconsin who had come west on a hunting trip. They were married within a few months and he took her back to his home in Wisconsin where they lived for three years. One son was born who was the well known Doctor J. F. Hosch of Bend and Scio, Oregon.

Dr. Peter Hosch died when the young son was but three years old. The widow with her child returned to Salem, where she made her home with her older sister and brother-in-law, Maurice Klinger, who owned and operated the Salem Brewery.

It was in Salem that Celine met and married Henry Miller in the year 1884. Henry Miller owned flour mills in Salem and Turner until the year 1888, when the family moved to the 250 acre farm at the edge of Sublimity. Three children were born to Henry and Celine Miller; Adele Ann, Leondine Henrietta, and Henry Ernest.

For nearly 60 years the farm has not changed ownership. When Henry Miller passed away in June, 1920, his wife took over and managed until the time of her death on February 18, 1937. Then the younger son, Henry, ~~the~~ ^{Bought from} the ^{Heirs} land.

THE PIONEER HOME

Beside the lonely road it stands, set back among the trees;
No voice to break its silence, and no one but the breeze
To wander through its empty rooms, and view its crumbling walls,
Where once the sound of busy feet reechoed through its halls.

The sagging door, the rotting sill, the old roof falling in,
All sing a lonely song that tells how long the time has been
Since busy men of other days passed in and out its doors,
Climbed up its stairway, useless now, and trod its smooth-worn floors

Here was the kitchen; once the finest in the land;
For what today is commonplace was then accounted grand;
Its built-in cupboard on the wall, few homes were then so blest,
Holds nothing now but dead leaves, where squirrels have built their
nest.

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Mrs. Mrs Henry E Miller

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