

CFR 0808

Alvin McCabe

MORROW

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--~~1986~~ 1985
(Rules Attached)
Deadline for filing application: ~~July 1, 1986~~

PLEASE PRINT

Your name (Mr., Mrs., Miss) ALVIN McCABE

Your address: Route _____ P.O. Box 391 Town Ione

Location of farm: 13 miles S of Ione MORROW
(Address) (County)

Acres in your farm today: 1432 Acres in original farm: 160

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):
Menzo Alfred Ohden

Year founder settled on farm? 1884 Where did he come from? Kansas ^{Via Willamette Valley}

How many families have farmed this land? 4 Generations

Are any of original buildings still in use? yes - Hoase, Barn and Shop

Who farms land today? You? 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? Great Grandson

If you know crops or livestock raised on farm 100 years ago, please list
Cattle, grain - fruit Trees were planted.

What do you raise on farm today? Grain, CATTLE

How many generations live on the farm today? (Names) Ruth McCabe,
Alvin McCabe

Has the farm ever been rented? No How many times has original farm been divided? None

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

Alvin A. McCabe
(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 Alvin McCabe
(Owner's name and address)

P.O. Box 391, Ione, Oregon 97843

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

Barbara Bloodworth

* ~~County Commissioner-Recorder~~
Morrow County Clerk + Recorder

4-1-85
(Date)

*Please strike office not applicable

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

Menz A. Olden being called as a witness in his own behalf in support 24 E. 6
of homestead entry, No. 3628, for n²n²rt, n²e² n²rt, n²rt sw² Sec 21 1/2
testifies as follows:

Ques. 1.—What is your name, age, and post-office address?

Ans. Menz A. Olden, Age 46, Im Morrison Co Ok

Ques. 2.—Are you a native born citizen of the United States, and if so, in what State or Territory were you born?*

Ans. I am, Wisconsin

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 3628 at the the Dallas Ok land office on the 10 day of April 1891, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. I am, n²n²rt & n²e² n²rt, n²rt sw² Sec 21 1/2 SR 24 E WMO

Ques. 4.—When was your house built on the land and when did you establish actual residence therein? (Describe said house and other improvements which you have placed on the land, giving total value thereof.)

Ans. April 1885 - 1 House 16 + 24 = Addition 12 + 2
All under fence, about 80 acres plowed & orchard, Grand
wood house, smoke house, value \$1000

Ques. 5.—Of whom does your family consist; and have you and your family resided continuously on the land since first establishing residence thereon? (If unmarried, state the fact.)

Ans. Wife and seven children, we have

Ques. 6.—For what period or periods have you been absent from the homestead since making settlement, and for what purpose; and if temporarily absent, did your family reside upon and cultivate the land during such absence?

Ans. Only temporarily absent at work for neighbors, going to town etc, never absent longer than two months
family on the land all the time

Ques. 7.—How much of the land have you cultivated each season and for how many seasons have you raised crops thereon?

Ans. 5 to 80 acres cropped 6 seasons

Ques. 8.—Is your present claim within the limits of an incorporated town or selected site of a city or town, or used in any way for trade and business?

Ans. No

Ques. 9.—What is the character of the land? Is it timber, mountainous, prairie, grazing, or ordinary agricultural land? State its kind and quality, and for what purpose it is most valuable.

Ans. Prairie grazing & farming, ordinary agricultural land

Ques. 10.—Are there any indications of coal, salines, or minerals, of any kind, on the land? (If so, describe what they are, and state whether the land is more valuable for agricultural than for mineral purposes.)

Ans. Not to my knowledge

Ques. 11.—Have you ever made any other homestead entry? (If so, describe the same.)

Ans. Yes, in the State of Kansas, but relinquished back to the U.S,
can't describe it, but it was in Washington District

Ques. 12.—Have you sold, conveyed, or mortgaged any portion of the land; and if so, to whom and for what purpose?

Ans. No

Ques. 13.—Have you any personal property of any kind elsewhere than on this claim? (If so, describe the same, and state where the same is kept.)

Ans. I have some Range Cattle & Horses
say this is their home

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the claimant before being subscribed, and was

sworn to before me this 6 day of November 1891.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

Menz A. Olden
J. M. Morrison
County Clerk

* (In case the party is of foreign birth a certified transcript from the court records of his declaration of intention to become a citizen, or of his naturalization, or a copy thereof, certified by the officer taking this proof, must be filed with the case. Evidence of naturalization is only required in final (five year) homestead cases.)

NOTE.—The officer before whom the testimony is taken should call the attention of the witness to the following section of the Revised Statutes, and state to him that it is the purpose of the Government, if it be ascertained that he testifies falsely, to prosecute him to the full extent of the law.

TITLE LXX.—CRIMES.—Chapter 4.

SEC. 5392.—Every person who, having taken an oath before a competent tribunal, officer, or person, in any case in which a law of the United States authorizes an oath to be administered, that he will testify, declare, depose, or certify truly, or that any written testimony, declaration, deposition, or certificate by him subscribed is true, wilfully, and contrary to such oath, states or subscribes any material matter which he does not believe to be true, is guilty of perjury, and shall be punished by a fine of not more than two thousand dollars, and by imprisonment at hard labor, not more than five years, and shall, moreover, thereafter be incapable of giving testimony in any court of the United States until such time as the judgment against him is reversed. (See § 1750.)

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HOMESTEAD PROOF.

LAND OFFICE AT
Chgo Callis Oregon
Original Application No. *43628*
Final Certificate No. *1833*
Approved: *November 13-1891*
John W. Lewis, Register.
Thos. H. Lang, Receiver.

FINAL AFFIDAVIT REQUIRED OF HOMESTEAD CLAIMANTS.

SECTION _____ OF THE REVISED STATUTES OF THE UNITED STATES.

I, *Mengo A. Olden*, having made a Homestead entry of the *72777, 78777*
27777 Section No. *31* in Township No. *2 SR*
of Range No. *24 E* subject to entry at *De Salles*
under section No. 2289 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, do now apply to perfect my claim thereto
by virtue of section No. *2291* of the Revised Statutes of the United States, and for that
purpose do solemnly *swear* that I *am the head of a family*
and Native born citizen of the United States; that I have made actual settlement
on said land and resided upon said land _____ day of _____ 1891.

to the present time; that no part of said land has been alienated, except as provided in section 2288 of the Revised Statutes, but that I am the sole bona fide owner as an actual settler; that I will bear true allegiance to the Government of the United States; and, further, that I have not heretofore perfected or abandoned an entry made under the homestead laws of the United States, except *as stated in my direct proof*

I, *J. Morrow* Clerk, of *Morrow County*
do hereby certify that the above affidavit was subscribed and sworn to before me this *6th* day of *November* 1891.
J. Morrow
County Clerk

jApril 10, 1985

Mr. Alvin McCabe
P.O. Box 391
Ione, Oregon 97843

Dear Mr. McCabe:

I am writing to confirm that we have received your application for Century Farm honors and that it seems to be complete and in order.

We understand that the certificates are tentatively scheduled to be awarded at the Pioneer Picnic on May 26. You might wish to contact Mrs. Jean Nelson of the Morrow County Historical Society for particulars, if she has not already contacted you.

Thank you for your participation in the Century Farm Program.

Sincerely,

Charles F. Wellman
Coordinator, Century Farm Program

MORROW

April 11, 1985

Jean Nelson
P.O. Box 398
Lexington, Oregon 97839

Dear Ms. Nelson:

Thank you for your letter of April 8 and for sending along Mr. McCabe's Century Farm application. Mrs. Buehler has asked ~~me~~ to respond as she is away from the office for a few days.

Mr. McCabe's application is in good order, as are the other 9 you've forwarded to us, and we will be happy to send Mrs. Jones all the certificates as soon as we have the names drawn in.

The Pioneer Picnic sounds like a perfect opportunity for presenting the certificates. We should have them completed and available to send shortly after the May 1 application deadline.

Please let us know if you need further assistance or information, and thank you for your efforts to ~~promote the~~ Century Farm Program.

Sincerely,

Charles F. Wellman
Coordinator, Century Farm Program

OK
Thank

MENZO A. OLDEN FAMILY PIONEERS OF FAIRVIEW DISTRICT

Menzo Alfred Olden and Mary Jane Olden were married May 27, 1869 at Bloomfield, Wisconsin.



Bumper Wheat crop of 1916 —
Charley and Alonzo McCabe

In March of 1882, they moved from their home in Muscotah, Kansas to Oregon by wagon train — first to San Francisco, California — then by boat to Portland, Oregon. Two brothers of Menzo, Horace and Arthur, remained in California or possibly were already there. From Portland, they went to Comstock, Oregon which is about 30 miles south of Eugene, where they lived for two years. It was at this time that the railroad was completed in the year 1883 from the East to Portland. In 1884 the Oldens decided to move to Morrow County, where they had heard there was more land available for a growing family. They either made this trip the entire way by wagon or by train from Portland to Alkali (Arlington)

— then out across the high country (Shuttler Flat, and the Ridge Road above Rock Creek), finally arriving in Morrow County — where they homesteaded in the Fairview District, ten miles south of Ione. At this time the family consisted of: the parents, Menzo and Mary Jane Olden and their six children — Herbert Menzo, Louis Elmer, John Robert, Winnie Louella, Irvin Grant and Jessie Ethel. All of these except Jessie, were born at Muscotah, Kansas, and she was born at Comstock. Later, Lola Eleanor was born at the Olden ranch.

The Olden children attended school at the Fairview School which was built somewhere around 1887. The three oldest of the Olden boys, Herb, Lou and John made the shingles for the school house as well as for the home that the family had built on the farm between 1884 and 1885. Some of the first teachers at this school were: Marten, Shealds, Hoseason, Mounts, Ella Mason, Arnold Balsiger, Ruthe Howard and Anna Belle Howard. Also, some of them boarded with the Olden and McCabe families.

At the time the Oldens came to Fairview, all supplies, with the exception of lumber, had to be brought from Alkali (Arlington) to the ranches by wagon. The wagon road into Heppner from there was a long and difficult one. The one into Ione was only a wagon trail — not a road — even dangerous in places. The Olden family stayed with the Milt Morgan family, who lived near by, until the Oldens had enough of their home built to move in. It must have been a struggle for these immigrants and pioneers to survive under the conditions that existed then, but they were a sturdy people who did not give up easily.

Mrs. Olden died at the home place in 1908 and Mr. Olden died at Hillsboro, Oregon in 1913. Both are buried in High View Cemetery, Ione, Oregon.

Herb Olden married Emma Dobyms, John Olden married Charlotte Gifford, and Grant Olden married Mabel Barlow, — all lived and farmed in Morrow County many years. Louis married Nellie Holman and lived in Monmouth, OR. Winnie Olden married Roe Chrisman and moved to

Washington, and Jessie Olden married Sam Henderson, moving to Washington also after living in Morrow County for several years.

Lola Olden, the youngest of the family, married Alonzo McCabe and remained on the home place. Two of their sons, Jim and Lonnie farmed the land until their death in 1962 and 1974 respectively. Since then, Alvin A. McCabe, a great grandson of Menzo A. Olden, a grandson of Alonzo A. McCabe and son of Lonnie A. McCabe, has been farming the land which is the original Olden homestead plus other land that the family later purchased.

This farm will soon qualify as a "Century Farm" — having been in the same family continually and completely managed by that family for 100 years. *Charlotte McCabe Lundell*



Menzo Olden family — 1900