

CFR 0820

Ralph N. and Bessie M. Clinton

MULTNOMTH

APPLICATION FOR CENTURY FARM HONORS

Deadline for filing applications - May 1, 1985

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT:

Your name (Mr., Mrs., Ms.) MR. RALPH N. CLINTON & MRS BESSIE M. CLINTON

Your address: 2212 SW BUTLER RD. GRESHAM OR 97030  
Street, Route, or Box Town Zip

Location of Farm: 2212 SW BUTLER RD GRESHAM OR MULT  
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 \_\_\_\_\_  
EUPHEMIA BUTLER

Year founder settled on farm 1878 Where did he come from? SOMEWHERE BACK EAST  
THE FAMILY CAME BY WAGON TRAIN

Who farms the land today? RALPH & BESSIE CLINTON

Relationship to original owner? EUPHEMIA BUTLER WAS MY GREAT GRANDMOTHER  
ON MY MOTHER'S SIDE OF FAMILY

Are any of the original buildings still in use? If so which ones? NO BUT  
SOME LUMBER FROM ORIGINAL BARN IS USED IN SOME BLDGS.

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

ALL OF THE LAND 100 YRS AGO WAS COVERED WITH HUGE OLD GROWTH FIRT TREES  
SO LOT OF TIME WAS SPENT CLEARING THE LAND MY GREAT UNCLE HAMILTON HAD A HOG TIGHT  
FENCE ALL AROUND THE 39+ ACRES - FRUIT TREES WERE PLANTED.

What do you raise on farm today? WE HAVE PERMANENT PASTURE FOR BEEF  
CATTLE - 6 BROOD COWS + THREE GENERATIONS - CALVES - YEARLINGS & 2 YULD  
ALSO 2 HORSES - A GARDEN & A SMALL ORCHARD.

How many generations live on the farm today (Names)? ONLY ONE GENERATION NOW  
WE HAVE 3 CHILDREN & WILL HAVE 7 GRANDCHILDREN BY AUG '85

How many times has the original farm been divided? THE FARM DESCRIBED IN ENCLOSED  
DOCUMENTS IS NOW 5 PARCELS -  
MORE EXPLANATION ON REVERSE SIDE

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

Please return form to: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ralph N. Clinton & wife Bessie M. Clinton  
Signature of Owner

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

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EU PHEMIA BUTLER - MY GREAT GRAND MOTHER, ALSO  
HAD ANOTHER 79 ACRES ADJACENT TO THE 79 ACRES  
DESCRIBED IN ENCLOSED DOCUMENT. THE OTHER 79  
ACRES ARE LOCATED IN SECTION 21. I HAVE THE  
ORIGINAL DEED ISSUED IN OREGON CITY TO THAT  
PART. IT WAS DIVIDED TO THE SURVIVING BUTLER  
CHILDREN. ONE OF WHOM WAS MY GRANDMOTHER  
ELLEN VOLLUM. I OWN ONE ACRE OF THAT TRACT &  
ONE OF MY SISTERS FAMILY OWNS TWO ACRES. THE  
REST OF THAT TRACT IS NOW IN 14 TRACTS, THE  
SPRING LOCATED ON THE SEC 21 PROPERTY STILL SERVES  
11 FAMILIES WITH VERY GOOD WATER FOR HOUSEHOLD,  
LAWN & GARDENS & WATER FOR THOSE WHO HAVE CATTLE.  
I WILL ENCLOSE A PICTURE OF OUR OLD HOUSE I  
BELIEVE WAS TAKEN BEFORE 1900. IT SHOWS THE BARN,  
A LARGE WOOD SHED BEHIND THE HOUSE. I BELIEVE  
VEGETABLES IN FOREGROUND ARE PARSNIPS. OUR PICTURE  
ALSO SHOWS A TELEPHONE WIRE ON THE HOUSE AND  
A PICKET FENCE AROUND CHIMNEY ON THE ROOF.  
IDA HAMILTON - SHOWN AS THE NEXT OWNER TO E. BUTLER  
WAS A DAUGHTER - AND A SISTER OF MY GRANDMOTHER.  
ETTA E. & S. R. CLINTON WERE MY MOTHER & FATHER.  
I MAY BE ABLE TO FURNISH MORE INFORMATION <sup>LATER</sup> AS TO NAMES OF  
TWO BUTLER SONS WHO WERE BURIED ON THIS PROPERTY  
I HAVE ABSTRACT OF TITLE SHOWING ALL TRANSACTIONS <sup>from 1878 to 1939</sup>  
Ralph N. Clinton

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Butler Farm . Gresham, Oregon

I am enclosing a small snapshot of a large oak tree on our place which was planted about the time the house was built about 1882. My father said it was only about a six in. size tree when he first saw it, about 1914. It was damaged severely in the ice storm of Jan 1979 when this photo was taken then damaged more in Jan 1980. He spent \$300. to have a truck crane and crew to trim the damaged branches. The tree now measures 10 feet and eight inches in circumference 3 feet above the ground. The one oak tree was planted, as I was told, so the farm could be named "The Lone Oak Farm"

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Butler Farm Gresham, Ore

The ice covered bush in front of the oak tree is a Japanese quince which was part of original landscape. He also still have a boxwood shrub that is about 6 ft across and 4 ft high.

He also still have a Moss Rose bush from original landscape. He built a new home just 10 feet to the east of the original house in 1974 and demolished the old house in 1978. I salvaged 3 panes of original window glass which has bubbles in the glass.

Ralph Clinton  
2212 S.W. Butler Rd  
Gresham, Oregon

CERTIFICATION OF OWNERSHIP OF CENTURY FARM

I hereby certify that the farm for which CLINTON RALPH & Bessie

2212 SW BUTLER RD. GRESHAM, OR. 97030  
(owner's Name and Address)

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

SEE ATTACHED PAGES FOR INFO. ON

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION. THIS LEGAL WAS NOT CHECKED OUT.

IT IS PER CUSTOMERS  
REQUEST.

m. Burns  
(County Recorder/Clerk)

April 10-1985  
Date

MULTNOMAH

Gresham Ore

Mar. 21, 1985

Or. Historical Society,

I was reading an article in the Gresham Outlook about the Century Farm Awards.

My wife and I own 18 acres in Gresham part of which is in the city and part in the county. I would like to have an application blank for our land. My great grand-mother Euphemia Butler acquired this land before 1880. I am not sure of exact date, but two of her sons are buried on this property. The first one died just after the storm of 1882 similar to the Columbus Day storm here in 1962. The roads were so blocked with trees that they could not get to the cemetery in Gresham.

Thank you,  
Ralph Clinton  
2212 S. Butler Rd  
Gresham Or. 97030

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April 2, 1985

Mr. Ralph Clinton  
2212 S.W. Butler Road  
Gresham, Oregon 97030

Dear Mr. Clinton:

Thank you for your letter of March 21 regarding the Century Farm Program. It sounds as though your land has a long and interesting history!

I have enclosed copies of the rules and application forms; please note that the deadline for application is May 1, 1985. We will be making the awards some time this summer, but no date has been set as yet.

Any additional history of your farm, photographs, etc. would be greatly appreciated for our archives.

Thank you again for your interest in the Century Farm Program.

Sincerely,

Charles F. Wellman  
Coordinator, Century Farm Program



Patent

United States of America,

To

Euphemia Butler,

Book 47 page 462

Date Dec.30th 1878

Rec'd Aug.6,1881

Certificate No.1022

Application No.2323

WHEREAS, There has been deposited in the General Land Office of the United States a Certificate of the Register of the Land Office at Oregon City Oregon whereby it appears that pursuant to the Act of Congress approved 20th May 1862 "To secure Homesteads to actual settlers in the Public Domain" and the acts supplemental thereto, the claim of Euphemia Butler has been established and duly consummated in conformity to law, for the South East quarter of the North East quarter and the lots numbered Eleven and Twelve of Section twenty in Township One South of Range Three East in the district of land subject to sale at Oregon City, Oregon, containing seventy nine acres and fifteen 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; . . . That there is therefore granted by the United States unto the said Euphemia Butler the tract of Land above described.

By the President R.B.Hayes

By W.H.Crook, Secretary

S.W. Clark, Recorder of the General Land Office

Warranty Deed

Euphemia Butler, a widow,

To

Ida E. Hamilton,

Book 317 page 28

Date Dec. 29, 1903

Rec'd Dec. 29th 1903

Con. \$200.00

Signed, sealed & witnessed

Acknowledged Dec. 29, 1903

Premises-

. . . do grant, bargain, sell and convey . . . all the following bounded and described real property, situated in the County of Multnomah and State of Oregon.

All of Lot No. Eleven (11) and the South half of the South East 1/4 of the N.E. 1/4 of Sec. twenty (20) 1 S. 3 E. W. M.

This deed is made to correct error in a deed recorded on page 66 in Book 307 record of Deeds of Multnomah County, State of Oregon.

. . . free from all incumbrances. . .

Covenants General Warranty-

Warranty - Deed

Euphemia Butler, unmarried,

To

Ida E. Hamilton,

Book 307 page 66

Date March 23, 1903

Rec'd May 2nd 1903

Con. \$200.00

Signed, sealed & witnessed

Acknowledged March 23, 1903

Premises-

. . . all the following bounded and described real property situated in the County of Multnomah and State of Oregon:

All of Lot No. Twelve (12) the same being the South half of the Southeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section Twenty (20) Township one South of Range three (3) East of W.M.

According to the official plat of the survey of the said land return to the general land office by the Survey General.

Said plat described contains 39 15/100 acres more or less.

. . . free from all incumbrances. . . .

Covenants General Warranty

*This deed was incorrect because it was describing Lot Number 12 instead of number 11 as shown on the previous page. Book 317 page 28 - Dec 29, 1903.*

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That Ida E. Hamilton an unmarried woman - - - - -  
in consideration of Ten Dollars,  
And other values  
to her paid by Etta E. Clinton and S. B. Clinton  
wife and husband  
do hereby grant, bargain, sell and convey unto said Etta E. Clinton and S. B. Clinton  
their heirs and assigns, all the following real property, with the tene-  
ments, hereditaments and appurtenances situated in the  
County of Multnomah and State of Oregon, bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

Government Lot 11, and the South 1/2 of  
the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section  
20, T 1 S R 3 E of W M, Excepting therefrom the  
West 20 acres (exclusive of any portions included  
within a public road or highway, also Excepting  
portion within County Road.

To Have and to Hold, the above described and granted premises unto the said  
Etta E. Clinton and S. B. Clinton  
their heirs and assigns forever

And Ida E. Hamilton the grantor

above named does covenant to and with the above named grantee Etta E. Clinton and S. B. Clinton their heirs and assigns  
that I am lawfully seized in fee simple of the above granted premises, that the above  
granted premises are free from all incumbrances, a mortgage for \$450.00 dated April  
17, 1932, recorded in P.S. book 496 Page 278 and a mortgage for  
\$110.00 dated Oct. 18, 1932. Recorded in P.S. Book 520, Page 265, which  
the herein grantees assume and agree to pay, also all unpaid taxes.

and that I will and my 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, except as above stated.

Witness my hand and seal this 14th day of April, 1942

Executed in the Presence of

[Signature]  
[Signature]

Ida E. Hamilton (SEAL)  
(SEAL)  
(SEAL)  
(SEAL)

STATE OF OREGON,

County of Multnomah }

ss.

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 14th day of April A. D. 1942 before me, the undersigned, a notary public in and for said County and State, personally appeared the within named Ida E. Hamilton, an unmarried woman

who is known to me to be the identical individual described in and who executed the within instrument and acknowledged to me that she 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.

*A. A. Bailey*  
Notary Public for Oregon.

My Commission expires Jan. 17, 1944

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WARRANTY DEED

Ida E. Hamilton

TO

S. B. Clinton and  
Ida E. Clinton

STATE OF OREGON, }  
County of Multnomah }  
I, A. A. Bailey, County Clerk, and ex-officio Recorder of Conveyances, in and for said County, do hereby certify that the within instrument of writing was received for record and recorded in the record DEED of said County at

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On Page

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Witness my hand and seal of office affixed  
A. A. BAILEY, County Clerk.

*A. A. Bailey*

Deputy  
Exam. Co. Clk. 25 Recording Certificate

BOOK 1409 PAGE 86

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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That  
S. R. Clinton and Olivia Viola Clinton,  
husband and wife

In consideration of Ten and No/100 Dollars

to them paid by Ralph M. Clinton and Bessie M. Clinton,  
husband and wife

do hereby grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said grantees, heirs and assigns, all the follow-  
ing real property, with the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances, situated in the County of  
Multnomah and State of Oregon, bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

Government Lot Eleven, and the South Half of the Southeast Quarter of the  
Northeast Quarter of Section Twenty, in Township One South, Range Three,  
East of the Willamette Meridian.  
Except therefrom the West 20 acres, and except a tract in the Southeast  
corner of Government Lot Eleven, described as follows: Beginning at the  
Southeast corner of said Lot Eleven, thence North 137 feet, thence West  
318 feet, thence South 137 feet; thence East 318 feet to the point of beginning.  
Also, a strip of land extending 12 feet East and extending South to the  
South bank of stream, from the Northwest corner of the East 5 acres of  
Government Lot Eight, in Section Twenty, Township One South, Range Three  
East of the Willamette Meridian, being part of the land patented by United  
States Government to John Baybee, recorded in Book 129, page 283, Deed  
Records of Multnomah County, Oregon.



To Have and to Hold the above described and granted premises unto the said grantees  
heirs and assigns forever.  
And the grantors do covenant that they are lawfully seized in fee simple of the above  
granted premises 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 my hand and seal this 25th day of May, 1950

S. R. Clinton (REAL)  
Olivia Viola Clinton (REAL)

STATE OF OREGON,

County of Multnomah } as  
On this 31st day of May, 1950,  
before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared the  
within named S. R. Clinton and Olivia Viola Clinton,  
husband and wife

who are known to me to be the identical individuals 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 affixed  
my official seal the day and year last above written.

J. Olive Burton  
Notary Public for Oregon.  
My Commission expires May 6, 1953.



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WARRANTY DEED  
(Form No. 88)

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Clinton

STATE OF OREGON,  
County of Multnomah,  
I, A. L. Brown, County Clerk, and ex-officio Notary Public,  
do hereby certify that the within instrument of writing  
was recorded for record and published in the second  
DEED of said County at

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A. L. BROWN  
COUNTY CLERK

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I have my hand and seal of office affixed.  
A. L. BROWN,  
County Clerk  
J. P. S. [Signature]  
Deputy

Clinton, S. W.  
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# 4 generations work this farm

## 5087 Butler spread honored as century farm

by SHARON NESBIT  
of The Outlook staff

It has been 107 years since Euphemia Butler straggled into Gresham with six children to claim her farm.

Since then, four generations have planted a lot of things on the land — berries, flowers, vegetables and even two Butlers.

Ralph Clinton, great-grandson of Euphemia Butler, can sit in the living room of his home on Butler Road (named after his family) and point out the corner of the property where two Butler sons were buried.

The original 160-acre homestead has dwindled to 18 acres, but the fact that it is still earning its keep as a farm and remains in the same family qualifies Clinton's property as a century farm, an honor that is passed out once every five years.

Only two farms in Multnomah County won century awards this year from the Oregon Historical Society. The other is the Andreas Graf farm on Larch Mountain. It will be featured in Saturday's Gresham Outlook.

Ralph and Bessie Clinton are the fourth generation and fourth owners of the Butler farm. They treasure the original abstract which shows that presidents Grover Cleveland and Rutherford B. Hayes approved the homestead applications of Euphemia Butler. Euphemia could not write. Her signature is designated by a mark.

"She came west in 1878 with her husband. He left the wagon train somewhere in Idaho to go to California and was never heard from again," says Clinton, 65, reciting family tales he learned as a boy. "We don't know what happened to him, but they never found each other again."

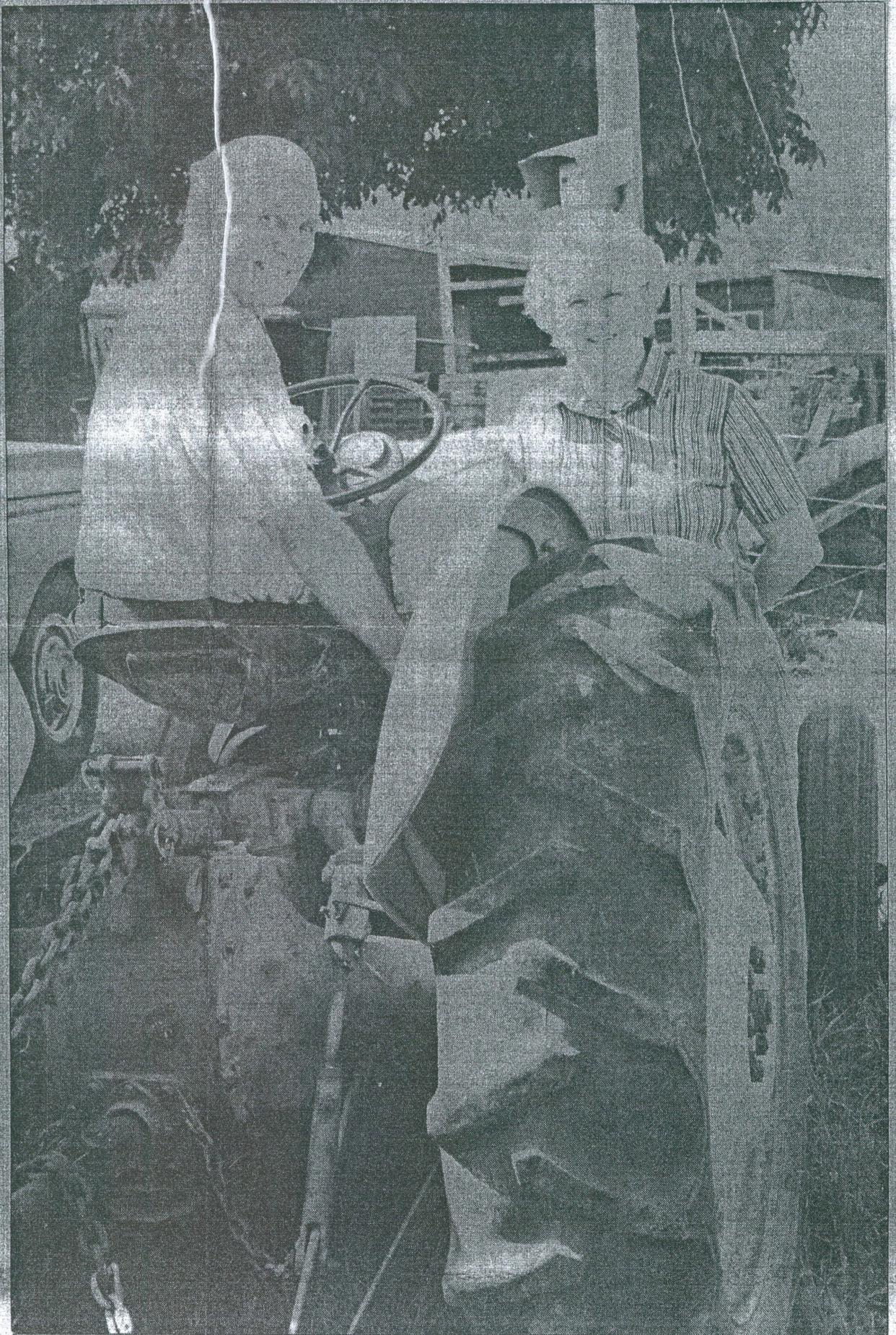
Euphemia, with three boys and three girls in tow, arrived in Cedarville in rainy and nasty weather and people there took her in until she moved on to her own property.

The burials occurred in the 1880s, Clinton says. One Butler son died at the time of tremendous windstorm in 1880. Fallen trees blocked the way to Gresham so he was buried on the property.

Another died of gangrene suffered in a logging accident and was buried beside his brother. A third son disappeared. He showed up years later. But his return came long after Euphemia had sold the original farm property in 1903 to a daughter, Ida Hamilton.

"She (Ida Hamilton) married a railroad master mechanic who was real particular about things. They say he built a hog-tight fence clear around the whole place," recalls Clinton. The mechanic also built a home which was torn down in 1979.

Hamilton's marriage was brief, but she continued to farm alone. She picked flowers and vegetables early in the morning, rode the street car to Portland and sold them in the farmer's market that was then on



Staff photo by Sharon Nesbit

Ralph and Bessie Clinton still work the land at the Butler farm in East Multnomah County.

Yamhill Street.

Clinton's father, S.R. Clinton, bought the farm briefly during World War II and held it until his son got out of the service.

Ralph and Bessie Clinton raised three kids and berries on the property. He farmed full time until the freeze of 1955 destroyed his crop. That disaster forced him to go to Portland and work as a carpenter and farm part time.

The Clintons raised their last berry crop in 1980. These days they run 30 head of cattle and raise hay.

"There was an old sawmill, the Rodlun Mill, down near Butler Creek," says Clinton. "There was a well there and to this day the cattle root around in the ground there."

Part of the heritage of the farm is being in charge of the water system that serves several houses in the neighborhood.

Gresham is fast overtaking the small farm. These days joggers rather than falling trees, are apt to slow the trip to Gresham.

"The city has annexed nine and one-half acres. I guess we're just go-

ing to sit on it until . . .," Clinton says, shrugging his shoulders in question.

The Clintons will receive a Century farm certificate and a sign to display on their property.