

CFR 0827

Edward Guy

POLK

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~~ 1980

(Rules Attached)

Deadline for filing application: ~~July 1, 1976~~ March 1, 1980

PLEASE PRINT

Card 645-4024

Your name (Mr., Mrs., Miss) EDWARD GUY

Your address: Route 565 James Howe RD. P.O. Box \_\_\_\_\_ Town DALLAS

Location of farm: 3 miles N.W. of DALLAS Polk  
(Address) (County)

Acres in your farm today: 23 ACRES Acres in original farm: \_\_\_\_\_

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): \_\_\_\_\_

MAHLON GUY

per phone 5/13/85

Year founder settled on farm? 1881 Where did he come from? Galopidus, Ohio

How many families have farmed this land? Just the Guy Family

Are any of original buildings still in use? yes

Who farms land today? You? yes A renter? \_\_\_\_\_ A manager? \_\_\_\_\_ Other? Nephew

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 \_\_\_\_\_

APPLES, HAY, COWS, HORSES, vegetables

What do you raise on farm today? APPLES, PRUNES, WALNUTS

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

Ed Guy -- grandson

Has the farm ever been rented? no How many times has original farm been divided? 1

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? \_\_\_\_\_

Historical Society  
Mail to: Oregon Dept. of Agriculture  
~~1230 SW Park Ave.~~  
1230 SW Park Ave.  
Portland, Oregon 97205

Edward Guy  
(Signature of owner)

Submitted by \_\_\_\_\_

(Name and Address)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The original farm was owned by Ed's grandpa. This is just a portion of the whole farm it's boundaries would run over to the Ellendale Road - James Howe Rd, around 600 or 1200 acres. Ed's Dad bought 20 acres from his dad along with the three acres which was bought first.

The original records were burnt up in the fire when the Polk County court house burned down many years ago.

May I say this that Mabel May Guy (Parrish) sister of Edward Guy was born Aug 16, 1883 and died Jan 14, 1963 making her 80 years old. Maybe this will help you see that this whole family lived along time on said farm.

The Mother, Margaret, lived to be 96 yrs and died on the home place in 1956.

550 James Howe Rd.  
Dallas, Oregon 97338  
December 14, 1979

Dear Sir,

I am writing this on behalf of my Uncle, Ed Guy. He is interested in an application for a century farm.

He has lived all his life on his farm, which is three miles NW of Dallas, and his Mother, Father and the rest of his family have made this their home, too. He is now 86 years old but still resides on the home place.

If you feel you are interested in his application please contact either him or myself.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Bill Douglas

Mahlon Guy et ux  
TO

Warranty

J.H. Guy et ux

Number 824

is Indenture Witnesseth, That Mahlon Guy and Mary Jane Guy

the consideration of the sum of Four Hundred forty two & 50/100 DOLLARS.  
us paid, have bargained and sold, and by these presents do bargain, sell and convey unto  
John H. Guy and Margaret Guy his wife the following described premises, to-wit:

encing at a point 6.47 chains North and 1.01 chains East of the Quarter section corner  
he line between sections 19 & 20, thence East 38. rods, thence South 12 3/5 rods, thence East  
ods, thence North 69 1/2 rods, thence West 67 rods, thence South 46 9/10 rods to the place of  
inning containing 20 acres more or less.  
ing a part of the Donation land Claim No 70 of Donj. Nichols Township 7 South Range 5 West  
the Willamette Meridian in Polk County Oregon.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said premises, with their appurtenances, unto the said John H. Guy and Margare- Guy  
his wife, their heirs and assigns, forever. And the said Mahlon Guy and Mary Jane  
do hereby covenant to and with the said John H. Guy and Margaret  
their heirs and assigns that they are the owners in fee simple of said premises,  
they are free from all incumbrances, and that we will warrant and defend the same from all lawful claims, whatsoever.  
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and seals this 15th day  
December A. D. 1902

Done in the presence of  
Bert M. Guy  
J. C. Adams  
Mahlon Guy  
Mary Jane Guy  
(SEAL)  
(SEAL)  
(SEAL)  
(SEAL)

is Indenture Witnessed, *George H. Lamberson*

for the consideration of the sum of *Fifty*

paid, he bargained and sold, and by these presents do *do* tin, sell and convey unto

*Maggie Guy* the following described premises, to wit:

*in Donation land, claim of Benj. F. Nichols No. 70, in Township No. 7 South Range 5 West of the Meridian in Multnomah in the County of Multnomah and State of Oregon in Section 19 commencing at a point 2 3/4 chains North and 1 1/2 chains East of 90 Section corner on line between sections 19 & 30. Thence North 3 1/2 chains Thence East 9 5/8 chains Thence South 3 1/2 chains Thence West 9 5/8 chains to - place of beginning containing 3 acres of land more or less*

*do* HAVE AND TO HOLD the said premises, with their appurtenances, unto the said *Maggie Guy* her heirs and assigns forever. And the said *George H. Lamberson*

*do* hereby covenant to and with the said *Maggie Guy* her heirs and assigns, that *he* is the owner in fee simple of said premises; that they are free from all incumbrances, and that *he* will warrant and defend the same from all lawful claims whatsoever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, *we* have hereunto set our hand and seal this *24* day of *October* A. D. 1887

Done in presence of *James H. Lamberson* SEAL

December 21, 1979

Mrs. Bud Douglas  
550 James Howe Road  
Dallas, Oregon 97338

Dear Mrs. Douglas:

Thank you for your letter inquiring about Century Farms. I am forwarding the material concerning our Century Farms designation for your uncle's information. The State Department of Agriculture no longer co-sponsors this program with us, but we are carrying it on and plan to have the next Century Farm designation in 1980.

You will notice that in order for such a designation the farm must have been in the family for 100 years, without ever having been rented. If your uncle's farm fits all the requirements, he should fill out the enclosed application, have it verified, and return it to us.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth W. Buehler  
Field Historian

550 James Howe Road  
Dallas, Oregon 97338  
February 8, 1980

Dear Elizabeth W. Buehler,

We have the records for the family farm up to 93 years, when the recorded land deed was recorded with the present court house. The former court house and records were burned in a fire that destroyed any records we might have used. We therefor find ourselves at a loss as to what to do or where to look.

We wrote to the Division of State Lands in Salem who couldn't help us but suggested we contact the Bureau of Land Management. Well, we seem to have done no better with them, as they suggested we get in touch with a title insurance company. Maybe I am mistaken in thinking these companies wouldn't have any further records than our own state or county offices would have. So I have hit a place where I don't know where to turn. As my Uncle is 86 years old and has lived all his life on this farm along with his Mother and older brothers and sisters, who are since gone, I feel very frustrated as where to look for these lost 7 years. Maybe you would have some ideas to help us? Thank you very much for your time in writing to us. I am sending copies of deeds, which you may keep.

Sincerely,

Edward Guy

Mrs. Bud Douglas



623-2903  
March 12, 1980

Mrs. Bud Douglas  
Edward Guy  
550 James Howe Road  
Dallas, Oregon 97338

Dear Mrs. Douglas and Mr. Guy:

You do have a frustrating problem and I wish I could be of more help to you. I checked our library for the list of overland imigrants and found that a J.S. Guy arrived in San Francisco on teh Overland Train from Gallipos, Ohio on September 14, 1870. There is no record of when he came to Oregon. I could find no record of a Mahlon Guy although there was a M. Guy who came about the same time from New York.

There are several suggestions I can make, although I don't know how much help they would be. In cases such as these, quite frequently after a lot of hard work looking in one place, the answer is suddenly found in another.

For one thing, the Polk County Itemizer-Observer goes back to 1875, and it is possible that they would in their paper which would establish written evidence of ownership. You would have to check with the newspaper to see if they have microfilms going back that far. Our microfilm on the I-O only goes back to 1922. The Multnomah County Public Library has an Oregon Card Index which covers books and newspapers and includes a wide variety of material. Most title companies will do title searches for a fee, but you would want some guarantee that they could go back that far. County road surveys (ff they haven't been burned) might provide some written evidence. You don't need the actual deed - just some written evidence that your county recorder or clerk can use to certify that the farm has been in the family for at least 100 years.

I hope some of this will be of help to you. If I run across any further information, I will send it along to you.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth W. Buehler  
Field Historian

8 w/ W. FOLK  
(certificate  
sent)

623-3627

Correspond with  
Mrs. Bud Douglas  
(see address next page)

April 8, 1981 1-623-2903

Edward Guy  
565 James Howe Road  
Dallas, Oregon 97338

Dear Mr. Guy: and Mrs. Douglas

Thank you for your Century Farm application and the accompanying copy of the deed of sale from David Casper to Mahlon Guy. This material does, indeed, fulfill the requirements for Century Farm designation.

I know how much effort you have gone to in this matter from the time, just about a year ago, when you were trying to track down those lost 7 years. Congratulations; your work has been crowned with success.

As you know, Century Farm designation is made every five years, and the next award year is 1985. However, I am going to try to get the certificate made up for you and signed so that you can have it without waiting for the regular award year. This will take a little time as it must be signed by the President of our Board of Directors as well as Governor Atiyeh after it has been inscribed. However, we will get started on it right away. The only thing is that we won't be able to have a ceremony - we will just send it to you. I hope you won't mind this; you can have the certificate now and take part in the 1985 ceremony.

In the meantime, if you want to order a Century Farm sign, you can do so through the Traffic Safety Supply Company, 2324 Umatilla Street, Portland, 97202. These take about four weeks for delivery time and cost around \$50.00.

I am so glad that you persevered and found the necessary documents, and hope to be able to hear sometime how you did it. Our heartiest congratulations to you both.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth W. Buehler  
Field Historian

*May 6 1981*

## Guy farm honored by Historical Society

On a sunny afternoon last week, Edward Guy, 87, was mowing the lawn behind his white farmhouse. An apple tree bloomed in the front yard.

Behind the white house a green hill planted with rows of trees rises. These trees make up some of the orchards which have been on the farm for a hundred years.

The 100-acre farm on James Howe road west of Dallas first belonged to Edward Guy's grandfather, Mahlon Guy, who purchased 600 acres in 1875. The farm passed from Mahlon Guy to his son, John Henry Guy, and now to Edward Guy.

Recently the farm was named a century farm by the Oregon Historical Society. A sign saying so has been planted at the uphill end of the long gravel driveway.

Edward Guy is invited to a centennial party in 1985 to be held in Portland for owners of historic places.

*But he says he isn't going.*

"I guess I'm too old to meet that many people," he said.

The Guy farm was a home for timber when he was a child, Guy said. Now only a few of the tall Douglas firs stand on a hillside.

"There was only one house between here and town," he

said of his childhood days. He says he walked to school, which was located where Morrison school now stands, a good three miles one way.

Guy says he expects there'll be houses built all over the area soon.

"This land is worth \$6,000 an acre," he said. And the crops raised are just enough to pay the property taxes, he added.

Over the years, the farm has produced chickens (Guy's Hatchery), milk, vegetables, hay, cherries, apples, prunes and walnuts. Edward Guy's nephew, Bud Douglas, runs the farm now.



The photos

Guy was offered a ride back to his house, but declined it, and walked back down the hill effortlessly.