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Robert Hales

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Recd 8/20/65

Adams, Oregon
August 13, 1965

Howard A. Maple, Manager
Oregon State Fair
P. O. Box 7045
Salem, Oregon 97310

Dear Mr. Maple:

I am writing this letter for my father, Charles A. Trowbridge of John Day, in regard to the Century Farm program you are planning for the State Fair on August 31st.

My father had given the following information to the Oregon Historical Society but it must have been overlooked.

His father, Bradford C. Trowbridge arrived in John Day on July 19th, 1862 and the following day filed on the first ranch to be settled in Grant Co. The records of this claim are at the Grant County Courthouse in Canyon City. This ranch is still in the Trowbridge family and now operated by Charles Trowbridge's son Boyce. He is continuing to raise cattle, hay and thoroughbred horses as his grandfather and father before him.

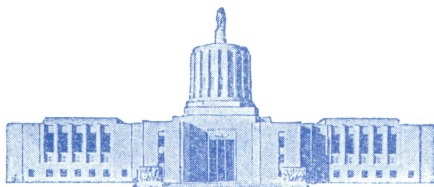
Also of interest is that Bradford C. Trowbridge started the first fair in the 1900 which was the Grant co. Agricultural Society and now the Grant Co. Fair. My father, Charles Trowbridge received recognition several years ago for his fifty years of service to the Fair. He has also been on the Oregon Fairs Association. Both he and his father have raced thoroughbreds at the State Fair.

I am hoping this information is not too late to be included in the Century Farm Certificates at the 100 Oregon State Fair.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Robert Hales

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Box 110
Adams, Oregon



STATE OF OREGON

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August 22, 1965

Mrs. Robert Hales
Box 110
Adams, Oregon

Dear Mrs. Hales:

I have turned your letter over to Miss Genevieve Morgan, Department of Agriculture, hoping it will not be too late to include your father in the Century Farm Program.

If necessary I will make a phone call just as soon as I talk with Miss Morgan regarding the information you gave me.

Very truly yours,

OREGON STATE FAIR

Howard
Howard Maple
Manager

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CC Miss Genevieve Morgan

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August 24, 1965

Mrs. Robert Hales
Box 110
Adams, Oregon

Dear Mrs. Hales:

Your letter of August 13 to Mr. Howard Maple, Manager of the Oregon State Fair, has come to us today.

I am sure, speaking both for the Oregon Historical Society and this Department, we regret very much that your original communication went astray. All applications for the Century Farm certificates were sent out by our Department and we have no record of any request for application forms that would cover the farm you mentioned.

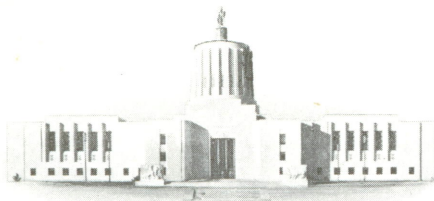
We are extremely sorry because both the Oregon Historical Society and our Department hoped we would have more Eastern Oregon farms in the Century Farm program this year.

I regret that it is too late to do anything about it at this time and hope that when the Century Farm program is renewed for another period, your family will still own and operate the farm and will be eligible for the Century Farm certificate.

Regretfully,

Genevieve Morgan, Head
Information Service
State Dept. of Agriculture

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cc-Mr. Tom Vaughan
Mr. Howard Maple



STATE OF OREGON
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
SALEM 97310

Sept. 3, 1965

Dear Tom Vaughan:

I want to say it was a pleasure to work with you and Bob Scott once again on the Century Farm program--and that you did a wonderful piece of MCing! It was good to see you again, too, and I am sorry we did not have time to chat a minute after the program was completed. ✓

I am enclosing the letters re the Charles Trowbridge farm and one I wrote today to Mrs. Hales---I thought to have Jim Short do it but in view of Frank Tubbs' call to me reconsidered and thought I'd better do it!

At the program, Mr. Ray Yergen, Rt. 2 Box 134, Aurora, a prior-year Century Farmer, asked about the signs.

Also you have copy of my letter in which I told Mrs. John C. Higgins we would let her know when a Century Farm sign source became available.

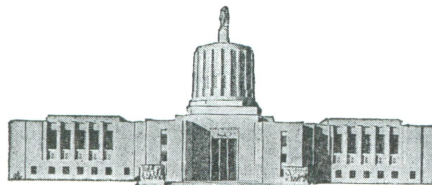
As soon as we can find time, we will complete paste-up of news releases which have come to our attention and will send them to you.

Do you want the registration slips signed at the Fair? I doubt all our people signed or even found the right tables inasmuch as several different registrations were being conducted in the same area at the same time.

Cordially,


Genevieve Morgan

Also, as soon as possible we shall send you results of our survey of the prior 416 farms--I mean changes of address, dropouts, etc. Of the 416 letters mailed we had returns of 272 cards of undeliverable (40) by postoffice.



STATE OF OREGON
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
SALEM

September 3, 1965

Mrs. Robert Hales
Box 110
Adams, Oregon

Dear Mrs. Hales:

Frank Tubbs, Chairman of our State Board of Agriculture, called me early Monday morning (August 30) to see if anything at all could be done about getting a Century Farm certificate for your father, for presentation at the 1965 State Fair program on August 31. I told him that we regretted it just as much as you and your father do but that it was impossible to do anything at this late date.

I want you to know that we did everything possible to spread the word throughout Oregon for enrollment in Century Farms this year. We sent out our first press release on January 18, 1965, to every paper in the state, to all radio and TV stations, and we followed this with later releases to the same sources calling attention to the deadline. The stories appeared in several farm publications also.

On August 31, I had an opportunity to show your letter, relayed to me by Howard Maple, State Fair manager, to Thomas Vaughan, director of the Oregon Historical Society. He had no recollection of receiving information from you and it is possible that, if it went to the Historical Society, there is no indication that your father was making application for Century Farm honors. In any event, Mr. Vaughan regrets this too and has indicated to me that he will be in the John Day area some time this month and hopefully will be able to make some presentation at that time. To this end, will you kindly fill out the enclosed application blank, in duplicate, sending one direct to the Oregon Historical Society, attention Mr. Vaughan, 235 S.W. Market Street, Portland, Oregon 97201, and one for this Department, for which I have enclosed a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Mrs. Robert Hales
September 3, 1965

It may be hard for you to understand why we cannot approve a certificate, even when we have the application on hand, within the matter of a day or two. The reason is that the certificates have to be hand-lettered by a professional, who is not always immediately available, and then five different signatures must appear on the certificate and this is not quickly done inasmuch as not all the signers live in the same locality.

One final word: I want you to know that all of us associated with the Century Farm program are more than disappointed when all the farmers in the state who are eligible for these honors do not make application because the program has not come to their attention.

I hope you will help spread the word among farmers who are eligible in 1970 that that will be the next year for enrollment for this program, which is sponsored jointly by the Oregon Historical Society and the State Department of Agriculture.

Cordially,

Genevieve Morgan, Head
Information Service
State Dept. of Agriculture

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-Enclosures-

ccs-Mr. J.F. Short
Mr. Frank Tubbs
Mr. Tom Vaughan ✓

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