

CFR 0983

J. Herschel Read

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Oregon Historical Society
CENTURY FARM & RANCH PROGRAM
Application Form

Deadline for filing application - June 30, 2000

Type of designation (please check): Century Farm _____ Century Ranch

Owner's Name: J. Herschel Read

Mailing Address: Redacted for Privacy

Telephone: Redacted for Privacy County Jefferson

Location of Farm or Ranch: Redacted for Privacy

Township, Range, Section: N 1/2 of NE 1/4 of Sec. 34 & W 1/2 of NW 1/4 of Sec. 35
T512S, R13E

Original family owner(s) or founder(s): Lilly Read

Date (year) this Farm/Ranch was acquired by founder(s): March 10, 1898
(Attach verifying documentation, see Rule 9)

Founder(s) came to Oregon from: Born in Oregon - Grizzly Mountain Area, Crook County

Who farms/ranches the land today? Herschel Read & Kenny Read

Relationship to original owner Nephew

Are any of the original buildings still in use? Yes No _____

If yes, please describe: Residence & barn

History of crops or livestock raised on farm/ranch: Dryland wheat, commercial & registered cattle, irrigated alfalfa/grass hay,

What is raised on the farm/ranch today? Registered & commercial cattle, alfalfa/grass hay

How many generations live on the farm/ranch today? 3 - the 3rd, 4th, & 5th generations

Please list names and birth years: Herschel Read - D.O.B. - 1912, Nelda Read (Herschel's wife) - D.O.B. - 1921, Kenny Read (Herschel's son) - D.O.B. - 1953, Dianne Read - (Herschel's daughter-in-law) - D.O.B. - 1960, James Read - (Herschel's grandson) - D.O.B. - 1981, Nicolie Jorgensen - (Herschel's grand-daughter) - D.O.B. - 1989

I hereby declare that the statements made above are accurate and correct to the best of my knowledge:

J. Herschel Read
Signature of Owner

6/28/2000
Date

Please return to:

Rick Read, Field Services Coordinator
Oregon Historical Society
1200 SW Park Avenue
Portland, OR 97205

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June 30, 2000

**Rick Read
Field Services Coordinator
Oregon Historical Society
1200 SW Park Ave.
Portland, OR. 97205**

Re: Century Farm & Ranch Program

Dear Rick,

Please find enclosed application for Century Farm & Ranch Program for Herschel Read, a brief history of our ranch and documentation of 100 years of continuous family ownership. If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact us at your convenience.

Thank you for sending us the application and for being so helpful !

Sincerely,

Kenny & Dianne Read
Redacted for Privacy



**Oregon Historical Society
Century Farm & Ranch Program**

J. Herschel Read

Per your request, here is a brief history of the Read family ranch. J. Herschel Read's Grandfather, Perry Read was born in Benton County, Oregon on May 11, 1849 and came to the Central Oregon area via horseback from the Willamette Valley in 1863 as a Scout for the Army. He liked the area so much that he decided that this was where he would make his home. In 1873, he filed for a territorial right on land along Willow Creek in the Grizzly Mountain area, however, the law required at that time that you must be married to have a legal right to the land, so Perry asked Hattie Montgomery, a young lady he had known for sometime, to take his hand in marriage. She accepted, so Perry rode all the way to The Dalles, Oregon to obtain a marriage license and they were married on December 16, 1873. Perry and Hattie remained in the Grizzly Mountain area for many years to come and had four children, of which three survived- Lillie Read, Pearl Read and James Read. Perry and Hattie along with their children decided to moved west of Grizzly to what is now known as Culver, Oregon around 1895. On March 10, 1898, Perry & Hattie's daughter Lilly, purchased 160 acres from Dan & Manda Aaron. Lillie, along with her parents and brother and sister built an extra large house, which served as a hotel and stage stop for weary travelers and freight wagon runners. This establishment was known as Read's Hotel and Stage Stop. The town at that time was named, Perryville, after Perry Read and the area was progressing fast with the expansion of the railroad. Lillie was one of the first teachers in this area and taught school at Lamonta School while the rest of the family ran the hotel and stage stop. Lillie's twin siblings, James and Pearl purchased the Read homestead from their brother-in-law, Howard W. Turner, Lillie's husband at the time of her death on January 6, 1939 for the sum of \$1.00. James Read married Belle Landreth in 1907. Belle's family were also early settlers to the Central Oregon area from Missouri. James and Belle were able to purchase more property in the years to come from other neighboring homesteaders who decided to move on before the government came in and bought out many of the homesteads. James was approached by the government boys to sell out, when he refused, they threatened to have his property condemned, but James held his ground and continued farming. James and Belle had two sons, Kenneth and Herschel. Both boys went to war, but only Herschel would return home.

Herschel purchased the homestead /ranch from his parents in 1946, however, the deed was never recorded until August 28, 1961 when the property was paid for. Herschel continued the family tradition of dryland farming and producing beef cattle. Herschel stills lives in the original homestead house where he was born along with his wife Nelda. Soon to be 88 years of age, Herschel has seen and experienced many changes in the last century and loves to reminisce about the early days. One story he enjoys talking about was when he brought home modern engine driven machinery to farm the dryland. His father said it would never work, but Herschel proofed him wrong and planted the best dryland wheat ever harvested, in half the time it took with the horses. Herschel's father still insisted on keeping at least three horses and horse drawn equipment around in case the new machinery broke down for years to come. Today, Herschel's son, Kenny along with his wife, Dianne and their children, James and Nicole manage the original homestead/ranch and expanded properties, now known as Read's Century Ranches and continue the tradition of raising cattle and crops.

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STATEMENT of AFFIRMATION

I, Herschel Read

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hereby affirm and declare that the farm/ranch which I own at

Culver, Oregon

in the County of Jefferson

shall have been owned by my family for at least 100 years, as specified in the qualifications for the Century Farm & Ranch Program, on or before December 31, 2000. Further, I hereby affirm that this property meets all other requirements for Century Farm or Century Ranch honors.

Herschel Read

Signature of Owner

6/29/2000

Date

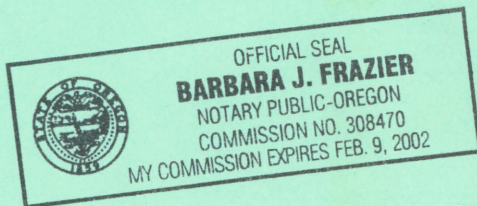
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Certification by Notary Public

State of Oregon

County of Jefferson

Be it remembered, that on this 29th day of JUNE, 2000, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and state, personally appeared the within named Herschel Read, known to me to be the identical individual described in and who executed the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same freely and voluntarily.



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

Barbara J. Frazier
Notary Public for Oregon

My Commission Expires 2-9-2002

JEFFERSON

Daniel H. Aaron and
Manda C. Aaron
to
Lillie Read

Filed March 10 1898
Arthur Hodges County Clerk

This Indenture witnesseth, that Daniel H. Aaron and Manda C. Aaron his wife for the consideration of the sum of five hundred dollars to us paid, have bargained and sold and by these presents do bargain, sell and convey unto Lillie Read the following described premises, to wit:

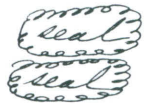
All the North half of the North east quarter of section thirty four, and the west half of the North west quarter of section thirty five, in Township twelve south of Range thirteen east, containing one hundred and sixty acres of land in Crook County, Oregon.

To have and to hold the said premises with their appurtenances unto the said Lillie Read her heirs and assigns forever.

And the said Daniel H. Aaron and Manda C. Aaron do hereby covenant to and with the said Lillie Read her heirs and assigns that they are the owners in fee simple of said premises; and that they are free from all incumbrances and that they will warrant and defend the same from all lawful claims whatsoever.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this 23rd day of February A.D. 1898

Daniel H. Aaron
Manda C. Aaron



Done, in presence of
Chas. A. Fry
J. M. Elroy

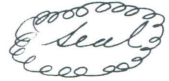
State of California
County of Los Angeles } s.s.

On this the 23rd day of February A.D. 1898 personally came before me, a Notary public, in and for said County, the within named Daniel H. Aaron and Manda C. Aaron his wife, to me personally known to be the identical persons described in and who executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same freely for the uses and purposes therein named.

And the said Manda C. Aaron on examination separate and apart from her said husband, acknowledged to me that she executed the same freely and voluntarily and without fear

or compulsion from any one.

Witness my hand and seal this 23rd day of February 1898



Chas Chenoweth
Notary Public

JEFFERSON

Geo H. Marsh
a single man
to
H. C. Grater and
H. J. Sharp

Filed March 10 1898

Arthur Hodges County Clerk

This I do hereby witnesseth, that George H. Marsh, a single man, for the consideration of the sum of Four hundred and fifty dollars to me paid have bargained and sold and by these presents do bargain, sell and convey unto H. C. Grater and H. J. Sharp the following described premises, to-wit:

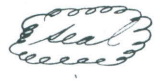
South half of South east quarter, the north west quarter of South east quarter, and North east quarter of South west quarter of Section 4 Township 11 south, of Range 17 East of Will Mer in Crook County Oregon.

To have and to hold the said premises, with their appurtenances, unto the said H. C. Grater and H. J. Sharp, their heirs and assigns forever.

And the said George H. Marsh does hereby covenant to and with the said H. C. Grater and H. J. Sharp their 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 I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 4th day of March A. D. 1898.

Geo. H. Marsh



Done, in presence of
Arthur Hodges
J. H. Gray

State of Oregon }
County of Crook } s.s.

On this the 4th day of March A. D. 1898 personally came before me, a County Clerk in and for said County, the within named George H. Marsh and his wife, to me personally known to be the identical person described in and who executed the within instrument, and

State of Oregon
County of Crook

I certify that the foregoing Deed
has been compared with the original, and that it is a
correct transcript therefrom, and of the whole of such
original, as the same appears of record at the clerk's
office in Crook County, Oregon.

~~DEANNA E. BERMAN, CROOK COUNTY CLERK~~ Clerk

June 30, 2000
Chrise Brunner Deputy

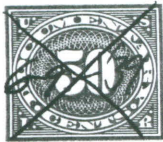
Know All Men by These Presents, That Howard W. Turner, widower of L. May Turner,
deceased, and a single man,
of Jefferson County State of Oregon

in consideration of One and no/100 -----Dollars,
and love and affection
to him paid by James P. Read and Pearl Pearce

of Jefferson County
State of Oregon, has bargained and sold, and by these presents does grant, bargain, sell and
convey unto said James P. Read and Pearl Pearce, their

heirs and assigns, all the following bounded and
described real property, situated in the County of Jefferson and State of Oregon:

The East Half (E $\frac{1}{2}$) of Section Thirty Four (34) and the West Half of the North-
west Quarter (W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section Thirty Five (35) all in Township Twelve (12)
South of Range Thirteen (13) East of the Willamette Meridian, subject however,
to the life estate of Hattie E. Read in and to the above granted premises
granted by deed executed on the 6th. day of January, 1939



together with all and singular the tene-
ments, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, and also
all his estate, right, title and interest in and to the same, including dower and claim of dower.

To Have and to Hold, the above described and granted premises unto the said
James P. Read and Pearl Pearce, in equal and undivided shares, their
heirs and assigns forever. And Howard W. Turner, widower
of L. May Turner, deceased, and a single man

grantor above named does covenant to and with
James P. Read and Pearl Pearce

the above named grantees, their heirs and assigns that he is
lawfully seized in fee simple of the above granted premises, that the above granted premises are free
from all incumbrances, save and except the life estate of Hattie E. Read in and to
said lands as above noted

and that he will and his 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

In Witness Whereof, the grantor above named has hereinto set his
hand and seal this 6th day of January 19 39

EXECUTED IN THE PRESENCE OF

Bernard H. Ramsey
Fern Hill

Howard W. Turner (SEAL)

(SEAL)
(SEAL)
(SEAL)

STATE OF OREGON,

County of Jefferson } ss.

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 5th day of January A. D. 1939

before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public

in and for said County and State, personally appeared the within named

Howard W. Turner, widower of L. May Turner, deceased, and a single man

who is known

to me to be the identical individual... described in and who executed the within instrument and

acknowledged to me that he 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.

Bernard H. Ramsey, Notary Public for Oregon.

My Commission Expires 11-18-1941

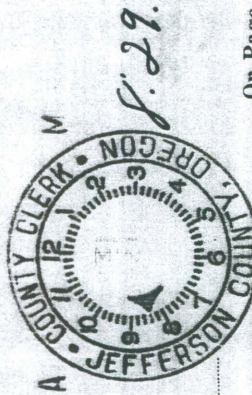
Warranty Deed

TO

STATE OF OREGON, COMPARED, S. D. Percival, 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 of

County of Jefferson, S. D. Percival, 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 of

of said county as 024472



Fee \$ 14 In Book 14 On Page 607 Witness my hand and seal of office affixed. S. D. Percival, County Clerk. By R. B. Brown, Deputy Return to Street City

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That JAMES P. READ and FLORENCE B.

READ, husband and wife, - - - - -grantors, in consideration of Ten Dollars and other valuable considerations - - - - - to them paid by J. MERSCHEL READ and VELMA A. READ, husband and wife, grantees, do hereby grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said grantees, as tenants by the entirety, their heirs and assigns, all the following real property, with the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances, situated in the County of Jefferson and State of Oregon, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: An undivided one-half interest in and to:

Tract I:

The East half of Section 34, and the West half of the Northwest quarter of Section 35, LESS AND EXCEPTING THEREFROM the following described property: The Northwest quarter of the Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter; the Northwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of the Northeast quarter; and the North half of the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 34; and the North 1/2 of the Northwest quarter of the Northwest quarter; and the North half of the South half of the Northwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 35; All in Township 12 South, Range 13 East of the Willamette Meridian.

Tract II:

The Southeast quarter of the Northwest quarter; and that portion of the Northeast quarter lying West of the Westerly boundary of the Culver-Lamonta Road right of way as now constructed, all being in Section 35, Township 12 South, Range 13 East of the Willamette Meridian.

To Have and to Hold the above described and granted premises unto the said grantees as tenants by the entirety, their heirs and assigns forever.

And we, the grantors, covenant that we are lawfully seized in fee simple of the above granted premises free from all incumbrances, except reservations in patents and contracts with the United States of America and the North Unit Irrigation District concerning irrigation of said premises and that we will and our 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 our hands and seals this 28 day of August, 1961.

James P. Read
Florence B. Read

State of Oregon,
County of Jefferson, ss:

On this 28 day of August, 1961, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared the within named James P. Read and Florence B. Read, 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 by official seal the day and year last above written.

My commission expires 4-9-62

Samuel O. Johnson
Notary Public for Oregon