

CFR 1002

Richard I. Good

APPLICATION FOR CENTURY FARM HONORS

Deadline for filing application - May 1, 1990

(please type or print)

telephone: Redacted for Privacy

Your name (Mr., Mrs., Ms., Miss) Richard I. Good

Your Address Redacted for Privacy
street, route or box city ZIP code

Location of farm Union County

To qualify as a Century Farm, a farm must have no fewer 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: John P. Good

Founder gained ownership of farm in (year) 1890
(ATTACH VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION, see rule 9).

Founder came to Oregon from Pennsylvania

Who farms the land today? Richard I. Good

Relationship to original owner grandson

Are any of the original buildings still in use? No
If yes, which ones? _____

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

Jersey cattle

What do you raise on the farm today? barley, hay,
beef cattle

How many generations live on the farm today? one

Please list names: Richard I. Good

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

Richard I. Good
(signature of owner)

Please return forms to:

Century Farm Program
Oregon Historical Society
1230 S. W. Park Avenue
Portland, OR 97205

Good

STATEMENT FORM

I, Richard I. Good, hereby affirm
(print name)

and declare that the farm which I own at Redacted for Privacy
(full address)

Redacted for Privacy, in Union County,

shall have been owned by my family as specified in Rule 2 of the
RULES FOR 1990 CENTURY FARM PROGRAM for at least one hundred years by
no later than December 31, 1990.

Richard I. Good
Signature

- - - - - Acknowledgement (for use of Notary Public) - - - - -

STATE OF OREGON

County of Union

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 28 day of February,
19 90, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for
said County and State, personally appeared the within named
Richard I Good

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 affixed my official
seal the day and year last above written.

R. NEELIE BOGUE HIBBERT COUNTY CLERK
By [Signature] Deputy
Notary Public for Oregon

Commission Expires perpetual

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Enterprise*

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24,

Section Native Dies In Oregon

John P. Good, Native Of Huntington Had Taken Up A Claim

Local relatives have been informed of the death of John P. Good at Elgin, Ore., on February 14, following a few weeks' illness of general debility. Mr. Good, his wife and three small sons, went to Oregon in 1890.

Mr. Good was a native of Huntington Township. His wife was Miss Oddie Arnold, a native of Union Township. Following their marriage they lived for a short time on a farm at Jonestown, Columbia County. The farm was owned jointly by Mr. Good and his brother, William B. Good. John P. Good was in poor health in those years and decided to sell his interest in the farm to his brother and go to Oregon, where he had an uncle.

The oldest son died three or four years after the family reached Oregon. Mrs. Good died four years ago.

Soon after his arrival in Oregon Mr. Good took up a claim on 640 acres of land, a large portion of which was heavily timbered. He and his wife felled trees and erected a log house in which they lived for several years. Having regained his health, Mr. Good built a modern home. Through the years he followed lumbering, farming and cattle raising.

Mr. Good is survived by three sons, a daughter and several grandchildren. Sons are George A. Good of Pacific Grove, Cal.; Lee of Minnesota and Howard at home. Mrs. Albert Rasmussen of Elgin, Oregon, is his daughter. In this area, Mr. Good is survived by his brother, William B. Good of Jonestown, a half sister, Mrs. Mae Andress of Kingston and these half brothers: Charles B. Hoyt of Trucksville, R. D.; Frank Hoyt of Huntington Township; Bruce Hoyt of Berwick and Ralph Hoyt of Nescopeck.

TODAY'S W...

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1942

JOHN GOOD, AGED RESIDENT, PASSES

John P. Good, who had passed the eighty second milestone and had been a continuous resident of the Elgin district for over a half century, died quietly the morning of February 14 at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Albert Rasmussen, near this city. He had been in declining health for an extended period and failed rapidly a few days preceding death.

Funeral services were conducted at 1:30 Monday afternoon at the Christian church. Interment followed in the family plot in Elgin cemetery.

John Porter Good was born at Waterton, Pa., June 9, 1859; died February 14, 1942, aged 82 years, 8 months and 5 days. He was united in marriage to Adaline M. Arnold to which union five children were born. Survivors are Lee H., of Whitefish, Mont.; George A., of Pacific Grove, Calif.; Mae Rasmussen and Howard C. Good of Elgin. Frank, the eldest son, died in 1899. He is also survived by one brother, W. B. Good; four half brothers and one half-sister, all residents of Pennsylvania; 13 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and other relatives.

Deceased moved from Pennsylvania to Oregon in 1890, locating near Elgin. He engaged in farming and dairying which he followed until 1938, when his wife became ill and passed away. Since then he has lived most of the time at the home of his daughter.

John Good left behind, in addition to the surviving relatives, a large circle of friends and neighbors cultivated through more than 50 years. Quiet, unassuming, industrious, a splendid citizen, his passing removes from Elgin one of its most highly respected and beloved men.

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CLASS A BOUNDING SURVEYS AND SUBDIVISIONS, ETC., N. O.

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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

CERTIFICATE No. 4130

To all to Whom these Presents shall Come, Greeting:

WHEREAS, John P. Good of Union County, Oregon has deposited in the General Land Office of the United States a Certificate of the Register of the Land Office at Le Grand, Oregon whereby it appears that full payment has been made by the said John P. Good

according to the provisions of the Act of Congress of the 24th of April, 1820, entitled "An Act making further provisions for the Sale of the Public Lands," and the acts supplemental thereto, for the Southwest quarter of the northeast quarter, the north half of the southeast quarter and the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section six in Township two, North of Range forty, East of Willamette Meridian, in Oregon, containing one hundred and sixty acres.

according to the Official Plat of the Survey of the said Land, returned to the General Land Office by the Surveyor General, which said tract has been purchased by the said John P. Good

NOW, KNOW YE, That the United States of America, in consideration of the premises, and in conformity with the several Acts of Congress in such case made and provided, HAVE GIVEN AND GRANTED, and by these presents DO GIVE AND GRANT, unto the said John P. Good and to his heirs, the said tract above described:

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same, together with all the rights, privileges, immunities and appurtenances, of whatsoever nature, thereunto belonging, unto the said John P. Good and to his heirs and assigns forever, subject to any vested and accrued water rights for mining, agricultural, manufacturing or other purposes, and rights to ditches and reservoirs used in connection with such water rights as may be recognized and acknowledged by the local customs, laws and decisions of Courts, and also subject to the right of the proprietor of a vein or lode, to extract and remove his ore therefrom, should the same be found to penetrate or intersect the premises hereby granted, as provided by law, and there is reserved from the lands hereby granted a right of way thereon for ditches or canals constructed by the authority of the United States.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I Grover Cleveland, President of the United States of America, have caused these letters to be made Patent, and the seal of the General Land Office to be hereunto affixed.

Given under my hand, at the City of Washington, the twenty fourth day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety five, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and twentieth

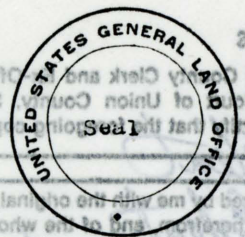
By the President Grover Cleveland
By M. McKean Secretary.

Recorded Vol. 14A Page 330 L. C. C. Lamar the Recorder of General Land Office.

Filed for Record at 8 o'clock A. M., April 8th A. D. 1904, and Recorded at the request of

By A. H. Gaynes Deputy.

J. H. Procter, Recorder



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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, Governor Cleveland, President of the United States of

America, have caused these letters to be made Public and the seal of the General Land Office to be

put to my hand, at the City of Washington, this twenty fourth day of

February, 1890, in the presence of the undersigned Secretary, and the said

John P. Good, who being duly sworn, depose and say that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original of the said

Certificate of the Register of the Land Office, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the original of the said

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STATE OF OREGON } SS
County of Union

R. Nellie Bogue Hibbert County Clerk and Ex-Official
Clerk Of the County Court of Union County, State
of Oregon, do hereby certify that the foregoing copy of

[Signature]

has been compared by me with the original, and
it is a correct transcript therefrom, and of the whole of
such original, as the same appears
in my office and in my custody.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and
affixed the seal of said Court this _____ day of

Feb 24 A.D. 1890
By [Signature] R. Nellie Bogue Hibbert County Clerk
Deput:

Land Office at Labrande Or
May 16th, 1890

Mr. John P Good has this day paid
Three dollars, the Register's and Receiver's fees,
to file a Declaratory Statement, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged.

H. M. Clelland,
Receiver.

Mr. John P Good having paid the fees,
has this day filed in this Office his Declaratory Statement, No. 100250
for SW⁴ NE⁴ SE⁴ & SE⁴ SE⁴

township 22, of range 40 E, section 6, containing
160 acres, settled upon April 5, 1890, being
un offered.

Under the provisions of the Pre-emption Laws, the time within which final proof is required to be made on unoffered lands expires in thirty-three months from date of settlement, or from date of filing of township plat in District Land Office in case of settlement on unsurveyed lands, and on offered lands in twelve months from date of settlement; and under act of March 3, 1879, notice of intention to prove up must be given by publication in a newspaper, to be designated by the Register, for a period of thirty days, or in six consecutive issues of said paper, which notice must also contain the names of the witnesses by whom the necessary facts will be established.

Notice is, therefore, hereby given that this pre-emption filing expires on
Dec 5, 1892, after which date the tract will be subject to the
claim of any other qualified party.

Very respectfully,

Henry Kinsart
Register.

See note in red ink, which Registers and Receivers will read and EXPLAIN THOROUGHLY to person making application for lands where the affidavit is made before either of them.

Timber land embraced in a homestead, or other entry not consummated, may be cleared in order to cultivate the land and improve the premises, but for no other purpose. If, after clearing the land for cultivation, there remains more timber than is required for improvement, there is no objection to the settler disposing of the same. But the question whether the land is being cleared of its timber for legitimate purposes is a question of fact which is liable to be raised at any time. If the timber is cut and removed for any other purpose it will subject the entry to cancellation, and the person who cut it will be liable to civil suit for recovery of the value of said timber, and also to criminal prosecution under Section 3401 of the Revised Statutes.

J. P. Good



Oregon Historical SOCIETY

1230 S.W. PARK AVENUE, PORTLAND, OREGON 97205

503 / 222-1741

CABLE / HISTORE

CENTURY FARM PROGRAM

March 13, 1990

Mr. Richard I. Good
Redacted for Privacy

Dear Mr. Good:

Thank you for returning the application for Century Farm Honors for the historic **John P. Good Farm**.

We have reviewed your application and find that all the information you have provided is complete and correct to qualify your farm for Century Farm status. Please accept our congratulations!

The awards will be presented in the summer of 1990, and you will be notified of the time and place of the presentation ceremony as soon as this is determined. Whenever possible, we try to coordinate the presentation with a county historical society program. If we are unable to arrange such an event, we will mail the certificate to you or have it available here for you to pick up.

Please do not hesitate to call on me anytime for further information, and thanks for your interest in the Century Farm Program.

Sincerely,

Ron Brentano
Coordinator, Century Farm Program

P.S. I am taking the liberty of enclosing some information concerning membership in the Oregon Historical Society. Because of your interest in history, I think you would really enjoy learning more about the programs, events and services provided by the Oregon Historical Society statewide. On behalf of our 8000+ members, I sincerely invite you to join us!

Rick Read - The Good Century Ranch - article for April 26 issue

From: "David Yerges" <Redacted for Privacy>
To: "Rick Read" <rickr@ohs.org>
Date: 04/23/2001 10:02 PM
Subject: The Good Century Ranch - article for April 26 issue

The John P. Good Century Ranch

By Trish Yerges

When one thinks of the verdant wilderness of Oregon, places like the John P. Good Century Ranch come to mind, where as far as the eye can see, the Blue Mountains are covered with a thick blanket of needle leaf forest. It's possibly as pristine now as it was on May 16, 1890, when John Porter Good filed his homestead claim for his first 160 acres of it. Today, under the agricultural husbandry of his grandson, Richard Good, the 1040 acre ranch marks 111 years of continuous operation by the Good family.

John P. Good's American heritage traces back to Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. During the mid 1800's, his grandparents, Jacob and Elizabeth (Courtwright) Good, farmed there. Their son, James W. and his wife, Hannah E., also resided in this county and raised a family. One of their sons was John Porter Good, who was born in Waterton, on June 9, 1859. John received a common education there and grew to manhood. On April 5, 1882, John, 23, married Adaline, 20, from Reyburn, in Luzerne County. Following their marriage, they lived on a farm in Jonestown, Columbia County, Pennsylvania. The farm was owned in partnership by John and his brother, William Barrett Good, but over the course of the next seven years, a life threatening illness changed this arrangement. John developed a serious case of tuberculosis from the dusty coal mines in that area, and to the dismay of the Good family, John's physician told him that he had a life's expectancy of six months.

With this grim prognosis, John made an inventory of his life's dreams, and after discussing it with his family, he decided to leave Pennsylvania and see the western United States. Consequently, John sold his interest in the farm to his brother in 1889, and along with Adaline, and children George, Lee and Frank, he traveled from Pennsylvania to northeastern Oregon. There on a homestead northeast of La Grande lived his aunt and uncle, Albert and Cordelia (Koontz) Good, with whom John and his family spent the first winter. John and Adaline were greatly impressed with the beauty of the valley and surrounding mountains. Moreover, the clean mountain air and hospitable climate gave John a new lease on life. Surprisingly, instead of dying in six months, John's condition steadily improved to the point where he was pronounced cured of his tuberculosis! With this almost miraculous news, John and Adaline decided to make this area their permanent home.

Consequently, on May 16, 1890, John filed a homestead claim for 160 acres in rural Elgin. He selected a property 11 miles northeast of Elgin with a spectacular view of the Blue Mountains. In 1895, after proving up the first quarter section, John received his deed to the second parcel of 160 acres, according to the Homestead Act of 1862. In 1902 under the provisions of the Stone Timber Act, John claimed 76 acres of timberland. Then in 1904, Adaline purchased 160 acres from the Ward family across the Rysdam Canyon. Consequently, a matter of 14 years, the Good family's property increased to 556 acres.

In the spring of 1890, John built the first of three homes on his property. It was a log cabin home located about three eighths of a mile up the hill from the present Good home. Nearby was a well that John dug by hand. The second log home was built in 1896 on the second quarter section of land that he received the year before. It had an upstairs loft that was accessed by a simple wooden ladder. At breakfast time, Adaline had the practice of setting a lantern at the foot of the ladder to light the way for her husband's safe descent. This was home for the Good family until 1920 when John started construction on a new, two story home. The blueprints for this 27 x 40 foot home included a full cement basement. The sand and gravel for the cement was collected from the

Grande Ronde River one and a half miles away from the building site and hauled in saddle bags by John. A 10-12 foot platform was erected with 2 x 6's and with 1 x 6's on one side. This platform was used to hand mix the concrete for the cellar and foundation. The first floor of the home included a kitchen, dining room, one bedroom, a bath, and a front parlor. The parlor, which had sliding wooden doors, was used exclusively for funerals and weddings. All of the first floor rooms had 9 foot high ceilings. The second floor had four bedrooms with 8 foot high ceilings.

The new house became home to John, Adaline and the last two of their five children, Mae and Howard. George had previously moved to California to operate a lumber mill, and the windows and doors of the new house came from his lumber yard. Lee was living in Montana and working on the railroad. Frank died in 1899 at the youthful age of 15 in Elgin. Mae grew up in the new house and eventually married and raised three children in the Elgin area. John and Adaline's youngest child, Howard, remained on the ranch to help them, and he became a witness to its initial period of rapid developments. Among them were the many outbuildings that his father constructed, including a wood shed, outhouse, smokehouse, machine shed, garage, 12 foot ice house and pig pen.

One of Howard's earliest memories of construction took place around 1900 when his father and brother, Lee, were roofing the front section of the barn. A recent snow had covered the roof, and Howard, 4, wanted to go up on the roof to talk with his father and brother. He easily climbed the roof with his cleated shoes, but on his descent, his shoes lost their traction from snow that had packed over the cleats. Suddenly he slid all the way off the barn into the snow! Happily, no harm was done to the small boy as he took the slide of his life. As Howard grew older, however, he did have a more meaningful share in the ranch duties and in the construction of the barn's rear section. Juggling this project with other ranch chores, Howard and his father used to strike a couple lines on the new section's roof and then go work in the fields. Adaline would then nail on two rows of shingles. In this cooperative manner the roofing of the barn's rear section was finally completed.

John's field work involved harvests of alfalfa, grain and straw crops. He and Adaline also planted two acres in a variety of apple trees. Among them were Transparents, Duchess, Holly, Spokane Beauties, Banana apples, and Rome Beauties. Each fall provided a bounty of apples for preserves and to sell. To help with the heavy work on the ranch, he bred and raised Morgan horses. He also initially raised sheep and about 17 Jersey cows. However, by 1920 he had phased out the sheep and began breeding his cattle with newly acquired Milking Shorthorn bulls. Wanting to make the feeding of his cattle a little easier during the winter, John engineered and built his own portable feeder he called a "go devil", which stood on 20 foot long sled runners with poles 6 feet high each stationed 7 feet apart for feeding. The "go devil" was used primarily to haul the straw from hay stacks that the threshing machine had left, to the pasture where the cattle waited to be fed during those frigid, winter days.

The seasons came and went, but June 9, 1934 marked a special event as Howard, 37, married Lillian, 35, and they moved into the Good home with John and Adaline. Lillian was from Shickshinny, Pennsylvania, and before her marriage to Howard, she had been a teacher. She taught during the 1920's in Korea and later in Pennsylvania and Elgin, Oregon. She toured Europe on her return from Korea as she traveled around the world by steamship. Her early life merits a story of its own, but after she married Howard, she did not desire to travel like that anymore. She was content to live on the Good Ranch for the rest of her life and raise their four children: Paul, Richard, Daisy and Warren.

Four years into Howard and Lillian's marriage on September 8, 1938, Adaline died and was buried in the Elgin Cemetery. John, who was in poor health, deeded the ranch over to Howard in 1938, and he lived the remainder of his life on the ranch with Howard, Lillian and their small children. The 1940's brought many changes to the Good Ranch, and a significant one was completed on December 7, 1941, Pearl Harbor Day. Howard had undertaken the major task of piping spring water a distance of 5500 feet across Rysdam Canyon to the Good home. Piping the water through Rysdam Canyon meant engineering a waterline that would handle a 45 degree grade. The waterline was laid 485 feet below the spring bottom and up again 375 feet from the bottom of the canyon toward the house. In order to force the water through the canyon to the house, graduated pipe sizes were used: 3,000 ft of 2" pipe, 1,000 ft of 1.5" pipe and 1,000 ft of 1.25" pipe and 500 ft of 1" pipe. The

resulting gravity flow produced 55 pounds of water pressure for the Good family. "It's nice because even if the power goes out, we'll always have water," said Richard.

John P. Good died February 14, 1942 at the age of 82 years and 8 months. "It was a long six months," said Richard, recalling with amusement the solemn words of the Pennsylvania physician. With John's death an era had passed, an era of rapid development on the ranch. Now Howard's turn at managing the ranch alone had arrived as he entered another era of change. Howard had set up a saw mill in 1933 which remained in operation until 1956. He employed 11 people, many of whom ate at the Good breakfast table every day. Due to their remote location, Howard decided to build a bunk house for his employees and also a planer shed. It was a busy industry for the Goods as the mill produced 11-12 thousand board feet in a ten hour day. Lumber in sizes such as 1x12's and 1x8's were milled and targeted for the local market. In those days, people brought in logs in trade for lumber, so there was always a plentiful supply of wood. Jim Hoover, of Imbler, remembers the mill. "I bought lumber from that mill. It was a mill powered by a big steam engine. That was something to see in itself." Besides boards, the Goods sold cords of wood for fuel and cooking purposes.

By the late 1940's, Howard also purchased Hereford bulls, and in 1948, his son, Richard, began keeping records on the cattle. "About two thirds of the present herd go back to one cow we had in 1948," Richard said. In 1958 the Goods bought Angus heifers and around one sixth of the herd traces back to one of those heifers that they kept. Then in 1963, Howard bought some Hereford cows, which generated the remainder of his herd. Since that same year, the Good ranch has had Angus and Hereford bulls.

The decade of the 1950's meant further building. In 1950 Howard built a chicken house for the 200 chicks he purchased each March. He raised Rhode Island Reds, a Cornish cross, and H&R Nick Chicks. They produced 12-14 dozen eggs a day that the Goods washed, cartoned and sold at the Elgin market for 50 cents a dozen. Then in June, they sold fryers for 39 cents per pound live weight. Other building projects included a granary to store feed for his livestock, which included 100 head of hogs. The hogs were useful creatures in a couple of ways. They kept the rattlesnake population down, and after combining, they were allowed out into the fields to glean. In 1956 when the Good Saw Mill was closed down, Howard built a 30x36 foot shop. A pond was also built on the ranch to improve the water situation.

During Howard's era on the farm, he went from horses to a 30 Caterpillar tractor and a four bottom plow. The initial conversion from horses to mechanical implements was as much a mental transition as it was a physical one. One day Howard was plowing and he ran over a stump with the tractor and instinctively he called out "whoa!" Also used on the ranch was the steam engine threshing machine. "We got our combine in the late 1940's and before that we hired Arnold Thompson, the Witherspoons and others to do our combining," Richard recalled.

In 1962 the Goods bought their first International for combining.

Howard died December 30, 1968, but not before he worked to have "Good Road" put in and electricity brought along the road for himself and his neighbors. He had also built the ranch up to 1200 acres. Lillian died July 8, 1974, and is remembered as a hard working partner on the ranch and always a teacher. Both Howard and Lillian instilled educational values into their children. Paul and Richard each graduated as mechanics from Oregon Technical Institute in Klamath Falls. Daisy graduated as an English teacher from Eastern Oregon State College and Warren graduated as a music teacher from Montana University at Missoula. Paul and Richard became partners in the ranch after their father's death in 1968, and because they were both educated in mechanics, they wanted to operate a second business out of the mechanics shop they built in 1971. However, due to a tragic car accident injury that year, Paul became a quadriplegic and was unable to live this dream with his brother.

Richard sold 160 acres to help Paul with medical expenses and then bought Paul's interest in the ranch in 1972. Paul, his wife Anna and two children, Doug and Laura, left their little home on the ranch and moved to Walla Walla where Paul currently works for the Corps of Engineers, Hydrology Department. In 1976 Richard set up a Forestry Management Plan and started logging by himself, performing all the duties associated with this: tree selection, falling, bucking, and skidding with a bulldozer and a modified Idaho-jammer type lining machine.

He logged responsibly for the next 20 years by himself.

Richard was born in 1937 in the Good home built in 1920 by his grandfather. His life was immersed in agriculture including 4H membership in high school. He and his siblings also learned to play musical instruments while in high school. His older brother, Paul, was closest in age to him and was his childhood playmate. With his parents both deceased by 1974, Richard was living alone in the family home. Then one day in 1980, his neighbors brought to his attention a personal ad placed by a 39 year old teacher named Sandra, from Holland, New York. She had been raised on a farm there that had been started by her family in 1819. She was a home-body, loved music, played the piano and organ, was a 4H Club member in high school, and her friends considered her to be a life-long member of their community...just the girl for Richard, his neighbors thought. Encouraged by them to correspond with this woman, Richard set his pen to paper, a single act from which blossomed an immediate friendship. After a few months, Sandra came to Oregon to meet Richard and to stay "for a month." That month will turn into twenty-one years this coming August 2, 1980, their wedding day. In a modern day Oregon Trail tale, Richard and Sandra returned East to collect her personal belongings and cross country, not in a wagon, but by U-haul, not with oxen, but with two dogs. Although her parents were pleased that she found happiness, they were sorry to see her move so far away. Her brave choice to move west truly necessitated a new mindset. To this end, she had adopted President Lincoln's words which she saw on a statue in Wyoming, "We must think anew and act anew." She has done just that as she became an active partner with Richard on the Good Ranch.

Like his predecessors, Richard engaged in several construction projects on the ranch. In 1980 he insulated the house and closed in the front porch. In 1997 he added a morning room, and in 2000, Richard built a double porch onto the house. Outside he built two feeder barns, added onto the granary and converted it to a machine shed/granary. The chicken house he converted to a horse barn where Sandra kept her horse. He built a scale shack and also a green house onto the front of the old shop building.

In 1990, Richard applied for a Century Farm/Ranch Certificate, which he received at the Union County Fair that year. It was one of several honors the Goods would experience with regard to the ranch. In 1990 Richard was also recognized as Union County Tree Farmer of the Year. He has hosted two Forestry Extension Tours, during which he once demonstrated his one-man lining machine for logging. The Good Ranch was the first stop on the 1991 Union County Fall Ranch Tour. A great many interested tourists came by bus and a caravan of cars to see Richard's fall calving operation that he instituted in 1980.

Today the Good Ranch is carefully managed along guidelines that Richard and the Oregon Department of Forestry developed in a Stewardship Plan. The Landowner Objectives of the Plan are aimed at enhancing the water, timber production, forage and wildlife. Richard's selective harvesting on his tree farm has coexisted harmoniously with about 100 species of birds and mammals that have been observed on the Good Ranch. It is Richard and Sandra's hope that the future heir to their ranch will continue in this tradition. Until then, the century ranch will remain in "Good" hands.

Rick Read - Good Century Farm - Photo set #3 of 4

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Date: 04/23/2001 10:07 PM
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Caption: Richard with champion steer at 1953 Union County Fair. Placed 17th at Pacific International Livestock Show in Portland.

Caption: Lillian Good with her Morgans



Good Century Farm

"Richard with champion steer
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"Lillian Good with her Morgans."

Rick Read - Good Century Farm - Photo set #4 of 4

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Caption: Planer Shed of Good's Saw Mill, built in 1940's.

Caption: Good Saw Mill in operation 1933-1956.

Caption: Richard and Paul sitting on a 3.5 ft diameter chuck of Douglas Fir. c. 1940



Good Century Farm

"Planer Shed of Good's

Saw mill, built in 1940's."



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"Good Saw Mill in operation
1933-1956."



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"Richard and Paul
sitting on a 3.5 ft
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Caption10: John and Adaline Good, Homesteaders 1890-1938

Caption11: Lillian Good

Caption12: Howard Good, Ranch Owner 1938-1968

Caption18: Howard Good Children 1953: (L-R) Warren, Daisy, Richard and Paul

Caption37: Sandra and Richard Good, Ranch Owners 1968-Present



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Caption 10: John + Adaline Good
Homesteaders
1890-1938



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Caption 11: Lillian Good



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Caption 12 : Howard Good
Ranch Owner
1938 - 1968



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Caption 10: Howard Good's
Children

(L-R) Warren, Daisy,
Richard, Paul



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Caption 37 : Sandra + Richard Good
Ranch owners
1968 - Present

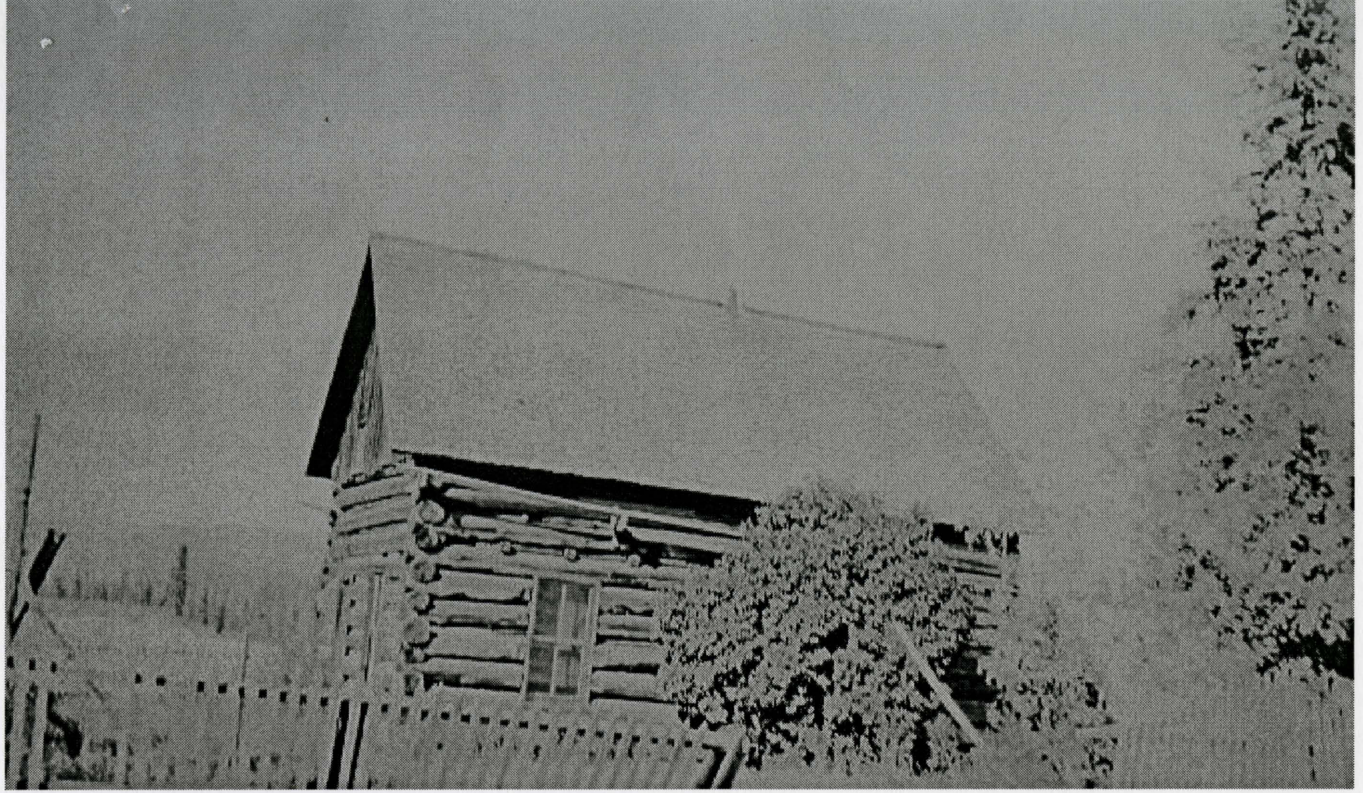
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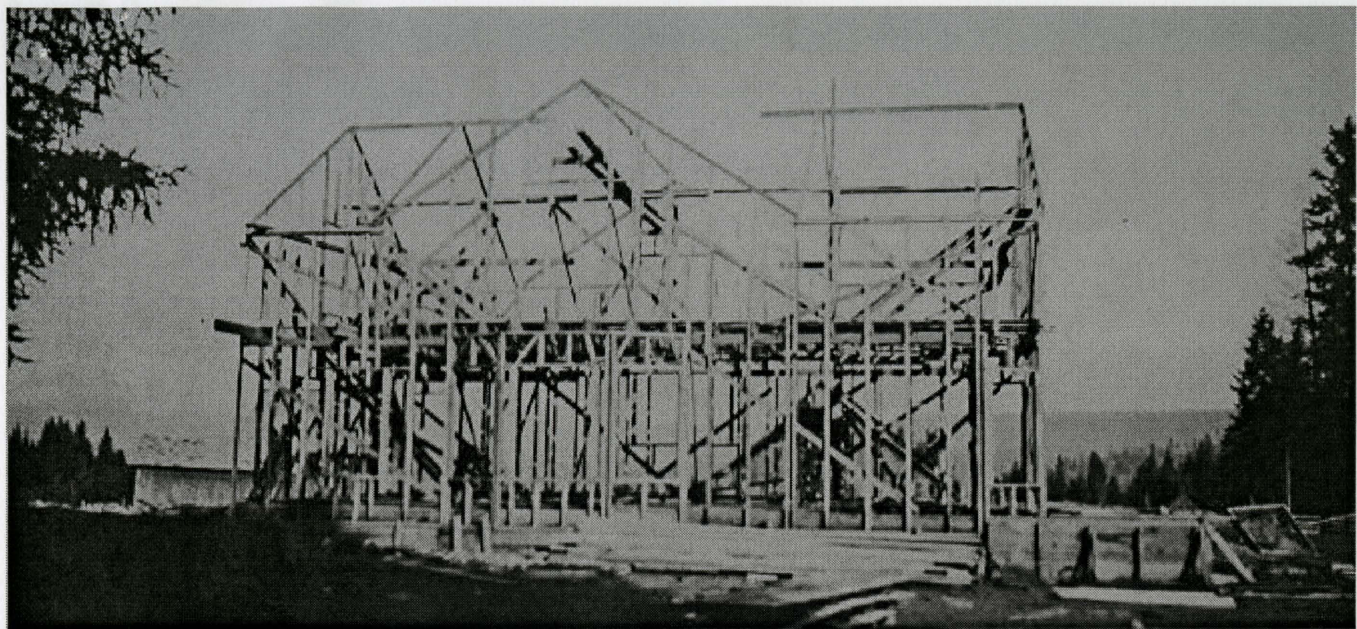
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Caption: Second log cabin home built in 1896 by John Good.
Caption: Frame for 1920 Good Home
Caption: 1920 Home Built by John P. Good as it looks today.
Caption: Century old Barn on Good Ranch
Caption: New shop (L), old shop (R) with greenhouse on side.



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"Second Log Cabin home
built in 1896 by John Good"



Good Century Farm

"Frame for 1920 Good Home"



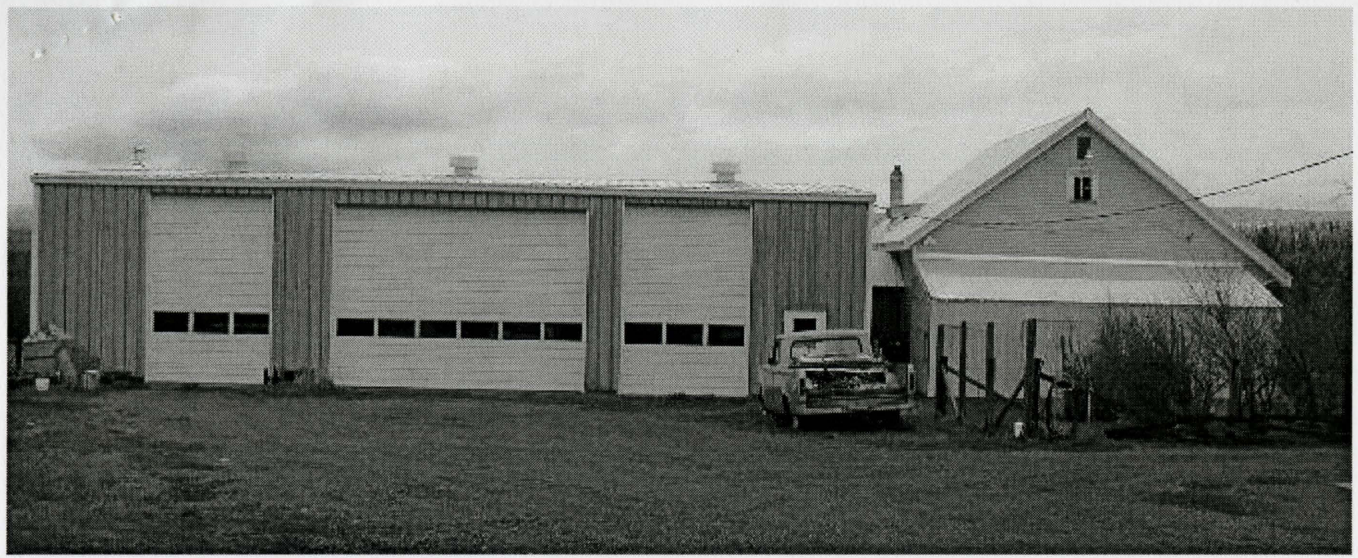
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