

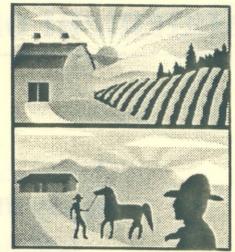
CFR 1027

Joseph Albert Davenport



Oregon Historical Society

Century Farm & Ranch Program Application



Date June 2001

Type of designation (please check) Century Farm Century Ranch

Owner's name Joseph Albert Davenport 07458
Redacted for Privacy

Mailing address Redacted for Privacy

Telephone Call dau. Mary Ellen Redacted for Privacy Coos' Co.

Location of farm or ranch 1 mile west on Catching Creek, Myrtle Point

Township 29 Range 12W Section 19 & 20

Original family owner(s) or founder(s) Joseph A. Davenport born 1835 Eng. d. 1915 Coquille, Coos Co. OR

Date (year) this farm or ranch was acquired by founder(s) 21 Aug 1900

(Attach verifying documentation, see Rule 7)

Founder(s) came to Oregon from Humboldt County, California

Who farms or ranches the land today? his children

Relationship to original owner J.A.'s grandparents - J.A. Davenport

Are any of the original buildings still in use? Yes No Listed on National Register? Yes No

If yes, please describe The farm house was built before 1900.

It was known as 'the old Slingsby house' in 1932. It has been remodeled

History of crops or livestock raised on farm or ranch most all - including beets,

timber, goats, corn, grass hay, dairy, beef, sheep, goats, horses

What is raised on the farm or ranch today? hay, a few beef and sheep

How many generations live on the farm or ranch today? 2

Please list names and birth years J.A. Davenport - born 7 Nov. 1905 and 3 daughters - Terene Price b. 1931 Mary Ellen Robertson b. 1942 and Peggy Shirtcliff b. 1944

Please submit two or three pages of family history narrative. You are also encouraged to submit photos of the property.

(Please continue application on the back of this form.)

Statement of Affirmation

I, Joseph Albert Davenport
hereby affirm and declare that the farm or ranch which I own at Redacted for Privacy
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in the County of Coos
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 of the current calendar year. Further, I hereby affirm that this property meets all other requirements for Century Farm or Century Ranch honors.

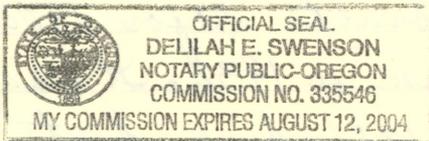
Joseph Albert Davenport
Joseph Albert Davenport
by Mary Ellen Robertson P.O.A.
Jerene M. Price, P.O.A. July 2, 2001
Signature of Owner Date

Certification by Notary Public

State of Oregon
County of Coos

Be it remembered, that on this 2nd day of JULY, 2001, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said county and state, personally appeared the within named (JOSEPH ALBERT DAVENPORT) JERENE M. PRICE AND MARY ELLEN ROBERTSON, known to me to be the identical individual described in and who executed the within instrument and acknowledged to me that THE POWER OF ATTORNEY WAS 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.



Delilah E Swenson

Notary Public for Oregon

My Commission Expires 8-12-04

Fees

Application Fee
(includes one certificate) \$ 30.00

Additional Certificates (\$10 each) \$ 0

Total enclosed CK # 1242 \$ 30.00

Make checks payable to Oregon Historical Society or OHS

For office use only

Date Received 7-5-01

Approved? Yes No

Authorization _____

Field Services Coordinator

OHS Library _____

MSS 1604 Program ID No. _____

CONTRACT TO CONVEY.

Daniel Giles and
Nannie Giles, his wife,

Dated Aug. 21, 1900.

Recorded -----

to

J.A. Davenport.

Covenant and agree to sell and convey the tract of real estate, situated in Coos county, state of Oregon, and bounded and described as follows, to-wit: The north half of the south east quarter and the north half of the south half of the south east quarter of section nine, the south west quarter of section twenty and the west half of the north west quarter of section twenty nine, all in township 29 south of range 12 west of the Willamette meridian, and also beginning at a cedar post marked E.H. on the left bank of Catching creek, from which a maple tree 20 inches in diameter marked E.H. bears south 61 1/4 degrees west 33 feet, a myrtle tree 3 feet in diameter marked E.H. bears north 63 1/4° W. 35 feet, the above described cedar post is distant 456 feet west of the interior quarter section corner of section 20, township 29 south of range 12 west of Willamette meridian, thence west 1013 feet to a cedar post marked E.H. on left bank of Catching creek, thence up left bank of Catching creek as follows, to-wit: north 12 degrees and 40 minutes, west 100 feet, thence north 35 degrees and 30 minutes east 355 feet, thence north 86 degrees and 25 minutes east 174 feet, thence north 80 degrees and 5 minutes east 272 feet, thence south 83 degrees and 55 minutes east 172 feet, thence south 52 degrees and 55 minutes east 119 feet, thence south 26 degrees and 10 minutes east 156 feet, thence south 30 degrees and 40 minutes east 186 feet to place of beginning, situated in Coos county, Oregon, and containing 6.14 acres of land, more or less, and all the above described premises together containing 366.14 acres of land, more or less, for the sum of \$8000, to be conveyed by a good

and sufficient warranty deed. (with personal property enu-
merated). Second party agrees to pay said \$8000 as follows:
\$100 at this date and \$7900 by Feb.1,1901, Second party to
have possession Nov.1,1900. 50¢ I.R.stamp.

(Signed and sealed.)

Witnesses, L.A.Roberts, N.G.W.Perkins.

Acknowledged in Coos county, Oregon, August 21,1900, before
L.A.Roberts, Notary Public for Oregon. (Seal)

Book 34 p. 3
Daniel Giles and

No. 22
-Dated Nov. 17, 1900.

Nannie H. Giles, his wife,

Recorded Nov. 20, 1900.

to

Consideration \$7000.

J. A. Davenport.

Grant, bargain, sell and convey,—"All the following bounded and described real property, situated in the county of Coos and state of Oregon:-- The north half of south east quarter, north half of south half of south east quarter of section nineteen, the south west quarter of section twenty, and the west half of north west quarter of section twenty nine, all in township twenty nine south of range twelve west of Willamette meridian, in Oregon; also the following described premises, to-wit: Beginning at a cedar post marked E.H. on the left bank of Catching creek, from which a maple tree 20 inches in diameter marked E.H. bears south $61\ 1/4^\circ$ west 33 feet, a maple tree 3 feet in diameter marked E.H. bears north $63\ 1/4^\circ$ west 35 feet, (the above described cedar post is distant 456 feet west of the interior quarter section corner of section twenty, township 29 south of range 12 west of Willamette meridian) thence west 1013 feet to a cedar post marked E.H., on left bank of Catching creek, thence up left bank of Catching creek as follows, to-wit: north $12^\circ 40'$ west 100 feet, thence north $35^\circ 30'$ east 335 feet, thence north $86^\circ 25'$ east 174 feet, thence north $80^\circ 5'$ east 272 feet, thence south $83^\circ 55'$ east 172 feet, thence south $52^\circ 55'$ east 119 feet, thence south $26^\circ 10'$ east 156 feet, thence south $30^\circ 40'$ east 186 feet to place of beginning, situated in Coos county, Oregon, and containing 6.14 acres of land, more or less, and the above described premises altogether contain 366.14 acres of land, more or less."

Covenants of seizin, against incumbrances and of warranty, except the mortgage in favor of the State Land Board of Oregon for \$3000, dated Sept. 1, 1892, and recorded in record of mortgages for Coos county, Oregon, in Vol. 4, at page 128, which

mortgage and interest from Nov.1,1900 grantee assumes as part
of the consideration above expressed.

(Signed and sealed.)

Witnesses, J.H.Roberts, L.A.Roberts.

\$7 I.R.stamp.

Acknowledged in Coos county, Oregon, November 17, 1900, before
L.A.Roberts, Notary Public for Oregon. (Seal)

June 2001

Oregon Historical Society
1200 SW Park Avenue
Portland OR 97205-2483

To: Oregon Historical Society

Joseph Albert Davenport, now 95 ½ years of age, is applying for the status of having his farm designated as a Century Farm. He, himself, has lived on the farm 95 years. At the time of his birth, 366 acres were owned by the Davenport family. The 200 acres that he presently owns are approximately half of the original property.

Joseph Davenport—born 31 January 1835 in Bosley, Cheshire, England, came with his family to America in 1847 at the age of 12. They settled in Salem, Kenosha County, Wisconsin. In 1850 Joseph's father, Joseph (born 1811 England) walked to California to participate in the Great Gold Rush. The Davenport family has several letters written to his wife Polly telling about his travels (and hardships) in reaching California. He found the land 'dug over' and returned to Wisconsin, where they moved to Nepeuskun, Winnebago County.

Joseph (born 1835) is not in the 1860 Wisconsin census, so had already gone to Ferndale, California where he worked and began to buy and sell land. In 1866 he returned to Nepeuskun to marry Elizabeth Evison Slingsby (born 28 Oct 1842, England). They moved to Marysville, Missouri for two years, then traveled by wagon to Ferndale, California. Joseph homesteaded 40 acres of land. He was instrumental in building the Methodist Church in Grizzly Bluff, Humboldt Co., California. He helped organize the Grizzly Bluff Creamery; then managed it the first year. He and his sons accumulated quite a lot of land—over 1000 acres, which they sold in order to come to Coos County, Oregon, in 1900.

The abstract shows Joseph A. Davenport (born 1835) buying the property on Catching Creek: Daniel Giles to J. A. Davenport
Dated August 21, 1900
366.14 acres of land in Sections 19, 20 & 29
Township 29
Range 12 west

Joseph A. Davenport came to Coos County with his wife Elizabeth and sons Ernest and Albert Roy (applicant J. A. Davenport's father), and daughters Nellie DeEtte and Mary Elizabeth. Nellie DeEtte married William Field Slingsby and farmed the upper ranch from 1908-1919. In 1952 J. A. and Verna Hart Davenport acquired the sections in 19 & 20, and J. A. Davenport has owned it to the present date. The main source of income

through the years was dairy. In the late 50's J.A.'s daughters caught sheep in the lamb scramble at the Coos County Fair, beginning the addition of about 200 sheep to the farm. When J. A. retired from dairy, he bought beef animals and has had around 30 until just recently. He has always (since the time of horses) driven a tractor to do farm work, and just gave up driving the tractor in the latter part of his 94th year.

1901 tax roll shows J. A. Davenport (born 1835), Sec 19, 20 & 29, Twp 29, Range 12 with:

- 70 tillable acres of land at a value of \$1100
- 296 acres of land, non-tillable, \$800 value
- \$350 value of buildings and other...
- \$40 value of farming implements, wagons, carriages, etc.
- 1 horse
- value of horse = \$25
- 31 cattle at a value of \$365
- 5 swine at a value of \$10

There is a diary of my great Uncle Ern's where he states he drove the cattle from Ferndale to Coos County, Oregon. For many years this strain of cattle were in the Davenport herd.

1905 tax toll shows same sections (19 & 20), township, range

- 70 acres of tillable land--\$5000 value
- 296 acres of non-tillable at a value of \$2112
- buildings-- \$900

This would be a great honor for J. A. Davenport to be considered for the Century Farm Award.