

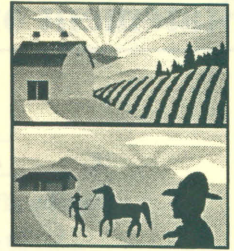
CFR 1045

John D. and Helen J. Shannon



Oregon Historical Society

Century Farm & Ranch Program Application



Date February 4, 2002

Type of designation (please check) Century Farm Century Ranch

Owner's name John D. and Helen J. Shannon

Mailing address Redacted for Privacy

Telephone Redacted for Privacy County Gilliam

Location of farm or ranch Redacted for Privacy

Township 45 Range 21 Section 2600

Original family owner(s) or founder(s) Francis Marion Shannon

Date (year) this farm or ranch was acquired by founder(s) Spring 1884 - See enclosed family history page 3 underlined, also enclosed deed from 1898.
(Attach verifying documentation, see Rule 7)

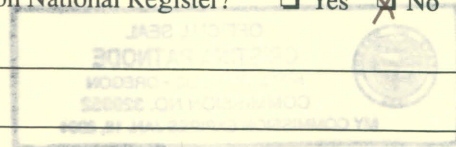
Founder(s) came to Oregon from Originally Kentucky via Kansas

Who farms or ranches the land today? John D. Shannon

Relationship to original owner Grandson

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

If yes, please describe old smokehouse



History of crops or livestock raised on farm or ranch wheat, barley, Cattle, hogs

What is raised on the farm or ranch today? Wheat

How many generations live on the farm or ranch today? One (Four generations have lived on farm)

Please list names and birth years John D. Shannon 1933

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, John D. Shannon,
hereby affirm and declare that the farm or ranch which I own at Redacted for Privacy,
Condon, Oregon,
in the County of Gilliam,
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.

John D. Shannon 4/18/02
Signature of Owner Date

Certification by Notary Public

State of Oregon
County of Gilliam

Be it remembered, that on this 18th day of April, 2002, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said county and state, personally appeared the within named John D. Shannon, 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.

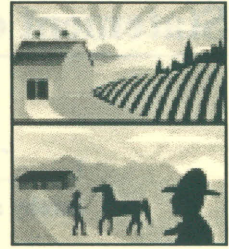


Cristina Patnode
Notary Public for Oregon
My Commission Expires 1/18/04

Fees	
Application Fee (includes one certificate)	\$ <u>30.00</u>
Additional Certificates (\$10 each)	\$ _____
Total enclosed	\$ <u>30.00</u>

Make checks payable to Oregon Historical Society or OHS

For office use only	
Date Received	_____
Approved?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Authorization	_____
Field Services Coordinator	
OHS Library	
MSS 1604 Program ID No.	_____



Century Farm & Ranch Program Application

Date 6/26/02

Type of designation (please check) Century Farm Century Ranch

Owner's name John D. Shannon

Mailing address Redacted for Privacy

Telephone Redacted for Privacy County Gilliam

Location of farm or ranch Redacted for Privacy

Township 1 South Range 21 Section 16

Original family owner(s) or founder(s) Frances Marion Shannon

Date (year) this farm or ranch was acquired by founder(s) 1898
(Attach verifying documentation, see Rule 7)

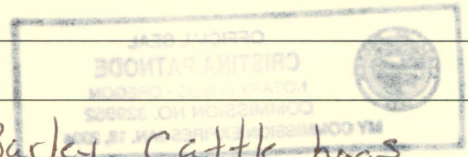
Founder(s) came to Oregon from Kentucky

Who farms or ranches the land today? John D. Shannon

Relationship to original owner Grandson

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

If yes, please describe Smokehouse



History of crops or livestock raised on farm or ranch Wheat, Barley, Cattle, hogs

What is raised on the farm or ranch today? Wheat

How many generations live on the farm or ranch today? Currently one generation

Please list names and birth years John D. Shannon 1933

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, John D. Shannon,
hereby affirm and declare that the farm or ranch which I own at Redacted for Privacy,
in the County of Gilliam,
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.

John D. Shannon 6/27/02
Signature of Owner Date

Certification by Notary Public

State of Oregon

County of Gilliam

Be it remembered, that on this 27th day of June, 2002, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said county and state, personally appeared the within named John D. Shannon, 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.



Cristina Patnode

Notary Public for Oregon

My Commission Expires 1/18/04

Fees

Application Fee
(includes one certificate) \$ 30.00

Additional Certificates (\$10 each) \$ _____

Total enclosed \$ _____

Make checks payable to
Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation or OAEF

For office use only

Date Received _____

Approved? Yes No

Authorization _____

OAEF project coordinator

OHS Library

MSS 1604 Program ID No. _____

June 26, 2002

Ms. Betty Brose
Director of Development
3415 Commercial Street SE
Salem, Oregon 97823

Dear Ms. Brose

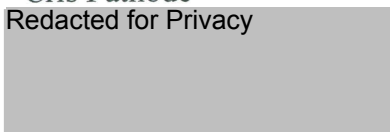
I am enclosing an application for Century Farm designation for my father John D. Shannon along with a check in the amount of \$30.00. On May 15, I had mail to you an application, supporting documents, and a check. You called me and left a message that the application was outdated and the check was written out to the wrong entity (I wrote it to the Oregon Historical Society). You were nice enough to send me a new application and returned my check.

I called your office a couple of times this week and was unable to reach you so the receptionist had me talk to a gentleman. I wanted to make sure I did not need to resubmit the supporting documentation (deeds, family history, and pictures), which I sent with the original application. He stated I would not need to resubmit them, and that they would be attached to the new application once it arrives at your office.

Please let me know if I have not done anything correctly. I worked very hard to get a hold of all of the supporting documentation and I just wanted to make sure it will be attached once I send this information.

I hope to hear from you regarding this application in the near future.


Cris Patnode

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Betty Brose
from **Don Schellenberg**

note from
Don
6/28/02

John D Shannon - Gilliam

Century Farm

Sent May 15

Documentation here

New Application coming connect
the two.



Betty left
message
7-10-02

Oregon Centennial Year 1959. The thoughts of Oregonians are turned backward during the Centennial year. Oregon history is being relived in pageantry, celebrations and newspaper articles. Newcomers to the state are learning how our forbears settled the land. Descendents of the pioneers are honoring past generations by recalling with pride the epic page they wrote in Oregon History.

CROSSING THE PLAINS FROM KANSAS TO OREGON
by Lena Mae Hanneman

On May 14th 1882, my father, Francis Marion Shannon, and my mother, Ella Nora Myers were married in Neodasha, Kansas. On May 17th, three days later, they, with Uncle Giles and Aunt Betty Parman and their five children started for Oregon in covered wagons drawn by mule teams. The Parman children were Julia, age nine years, Ethelyn, Helen, George and Lloyd, a babe in arms.

They started from Dunn's Station, a small place on Fall river, near Neodasha. Uncle Giles sold his small farm of 80 acres and decided to come to Oregon. He had two covered wagons drawn by four mule teams. One of these teams was driven by my father. A Mr. and Mrs. Ham Odem and two children left Neodasha the same day, headed for the west. Mr. Odem was a blacksmith by trade and was a very handy man to join the party.

They came from Dunn's Station through to Wichita, Kansas, then turned almost west along the Arkansas River and Santa Fe railroad to Dodge City, Kansas. The state of Kansas went prohibition in 1881, but that didn't have much effect in the far west. My father said Dodge City was the roughest place he had ever seen. The city was wide open. They stopped at one of the saloons to get a drink of beer. While there, two men walked in with a Winchester rifle, two pistols or revolvers and knives in their boots and started shooting because the service was too slow. People from the surrounding country brought their large herds of cattle to Dodge City to be shipped out to Chicago. There was a herd of 5,000 waiting to be shipped, and many very rough looking cowboys were working at looking after this large herd, all with guns strapped on them.

While the party that was headed west were camped at Dodge City, a terrible hail storm came up, causing the mules to stam-pede. The folks had to grab their bedding and put it over their heads to keep from getting hurt, the hail stones were so large.

From Dodge City they turned north to Colorado Springs and camped near the foot of Pike's Peak. They went from there to Denver, then to Fort Collins where they were joined by a Mr. and Mrs. James Scott. The next stop was Laramie City, which joined the Old Oregon Trail. They stayed six weeks at Laramie City

because of an Indian scare. While there, Uncle Giles' mules got away from him and it took nearly the six weeks to find them, as they had started back home. He was gone most of that time, which caused much worry and anxiety for the rest of the party. The Indians were on the warpath and they were afraid Uncle Giles might have been killed.

The next town was Granpere and the towns from then on were very small to Boise City, Idaho. The Oregon Short-line was being built from Boise to Baker, Baker to LaGrande, LaGrande back to Baker.

From there the party went to Bully Creek country in Malheur County. By this time it was getting cold and fall-like, near the middle of November. So they decided to winter on the head of Indian Creek which empties into Bully Creek. Here they found one deserted cabin, so Uncle Giles Parman, with the help of my father and the two other men built two more cabins out of juniper logs. One was just a small cabin and the other was 30 feet long by 14 feet wide with a fireplace in one end made out of rock and mud. The cracks in the cabins were filled with mud to keep the cold out, and the floors were dirt packed down as solid as they could make them. That winter was a cold hard one, as the snow was very deep and heavy. When it began to melt in the spring, the roof on the large cabin caved in, flooding the place. This was the first Chinook they had ever seen. The men were busy all winter making posts, but didn't know what they were going to do with them.

In the spring of 1883, my father and mother went to work for the Great Cattle Co. "Miller & Lux." My father rode for the cattle and did whatever there was to do, and my mother cooked for the crew of men and cowboys. Sometimes she would have 30 or more for a meal. The ranch was very large--one could get on a horse at Harpers and ride to Sacramento, California and still be on their ranch. Miller & Lux bought 4,000 posts from the men and Uncle Giles delivered them.

While my father and mother were there working, they received a letter from my Grandfather Myers, my mother's father, and the father of Uncle Elgin and Uncle Walter, the only two of the original Myers family still living. My Grandfather had sold his place in Kansas and wanted to come West and join their daughter and son-in-law (my father and mother,) who had come West as bride and groom the early summer before. On March 2nd, 1883, Sarah Elizabeth Shannon was born in the big log cabin. She was my oldest sister, the first of 8 children.

In the early fall of that year, Grandfather and Grandmother Myers and their 7 boys (oldest 16) and one girl Cora, the youngest of the family, age 2 years, left Kansas to join their oldest child, my mother, who was 17 years old when she married and my father was 20. Two other families came with them. However they did not suffer the hardships my parents did, as they came to the nearest railroad station, Mountain Home, Idaho by train, then took a

stage to Boise City, Idaho where Uncle Giles and my father met them in two covered wagons and brought them to Malheur County. From there that same fall, they moved and wintered on Hoover Creek this side of Fossil.

In the early spring of 1884, my father and mother went back to their camp on Indian Creek to look after the camp mules and a cow and a garden, while Uncle Giles took a team of mules and a hack to go on a scouting trip to see where they might like to settle. He went to Baker, LaGrande, Pendleton and then to Summit Springs, later known as Condon. The entire country was covered with sage brush and tall waving grass. After looking the country over, Uncle Giles decided he liked Summit Springs better than anything he had seen on his trip.

By this time, they had moved back to the Fossil country all eager to get settled in a place of their own. Grandfather Myers, my father and Uncle Giles filed on their homesteads this same spring. They were also entitled to what was known as a timber culture, which consisted of 160 acres, one quarter of railroad land (160 acres) and a preemption at \$1.25 per acre. Each could own 640 acres.

Uncle Giles' first wife, Aunt Betty, died in childbirth two years after they had settled on their homesteads. Twins were born, a boy and a girl. The boy lived to be 9 months old, the girl was buried with her mother. It was the first, or one of the first graves in the Condon cemetery. Aunt Betty was alone with her children when she started labor. Julia, age 11 years, got on a horse to go for my mother and got lost in the fog at night. By the time my mother arrived, Aunt Betty was dead. The families had a very hard time for many years.

After Aunt Betty's death, Uncle Giles would go out to work with his teams, leaving the five small children on the homestead weeks at a time. The neighbors would go to see them whenever they could. My father too was away from home working to get provisions to feed his family. He worked at Parker's Mill in Fossil until the spring of 1885, then came home and settled on his homestead. He had earned \$500. By that time, he was the father of two children, as Lee was born the fall of 1884.

The spring that they all filed on their homesteads, there was only one house and a barn at Summit Springs. A man by the name of Potter lived there. Many changes have come about during the years from 1882 to 19. My grandfather's place has changed hands several times. The Potters own it now. My father owned and lived on his ranch until 1947, when he passed away at the age of 85. My mother passed away in the spring of 1920 at the early age of 55 years. Strange to say, my father's ranch still remains in the Shannon family. My brother Walter owns it, and his son Jack and wife Jeannie and their 4 children live on it. (They've had a fifth child since this original report.)

Likewise the Parman ranch has always remained in the Parman family. Uncle Giles sold it to his two sons, George and Lloyd many years ago. Uncle Giles moved to an acreage near Portland

where he lived for 26 years. He passed away at the age of 84. His granddaughter, Janet Parman Kirkpatrick and her husband Herbert and children John and Ann own and live on the original homestead today. There are only two of the original Giles Parman family living at the present time. Julia May Borges, age 88, lives at Bell California near her daughter Ruby Graves Overleese, and Lloyd, age 81 or 82, living in Eugene, Oregon.

NOTES

Uncle Giles Parman's father was married to Grandfather Myers; step sister. In 1893, Uncle Giles married the second time.

In the fall of 1962, the Jack Smiths purchased the Parman ranch, then owned by the Kirkpatricks, so the Parman ranch is still owned by relatives of Uncle Giles Parman, as Margaret Ann Smith is the youngest daughter of George and Robena Parman, granddaughter of Uncle Giles Parman.

SUMMIT SPRINGS---CONDON

Before the town came into existence, at this location a strong stream of pure crystal water flowed from a bed of greenish black rock with grass knee-deep in every direction, making this spot the halting place of wandering Indian tribes on the trail from the Columbia River to the western spurs of the Blue Mountains. Here the pioneer stockman rounded up fat steers, and Summit Springs became known far and wide. The inevitable herder with his corral and cabin followed.

About the year 1884, a postoffice was established at Summit Springs, on the claim of Mr. Trimble. Around this governmental center "Condon" sprang up, and ultimately entered the race for the County Seat.

David B. Trimble was the pioneer merchant of Condon. At this time Mr. Trimble made application for a post office. He went to Alkali, now Arlington, where he secured the services of a young lawyer named Harry Condon. In drawing up the papers they completed everything with the exception of naming the proposed postoffice. On his way home, Mr. Trimble decided that inasmuch as Mr. Condon had drawn up these papers without asking any pay for his services, he would name the new postoffice "Condon." He then filled in the papers to that effect and forwarded them to the Postoffice Department at Washington, D.C. and Condon was born.

Cris Patnode

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Century Farm+ Ranch Program
Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation
3415 Commercial Street SE
Salem OR 97302

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Robert F. Looney
TO
Frank M. Shannon

Filed for Record June 24th 1898,
at 3⁰ o'clock P. M.
WARRANTY DEED. A. N. Grazer County Clerk.
By Deputy.

Know all Men by these Presents, That Robert F. Looney (Single)
of Gilliam County, State of Oregon,
in consideration of Two Hundred Twenty and ⁷²/₁₀₀ Dollars,
to him paid by Frank M. Shannon

of Gilliam County, State of Oregon, have bargained and sold, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell and convey unto said
Frank M. Shannon
his heirs and assigns, all the following bounded and described

real property, situated in the County of Gilliam and State of Oregon:
South half of the North East quarter (S 1/2 of N. E. 1/4) of Section
Twenty two (22) Township Four (4) South of Range Twenty one (21)
East of Willamette Meridian containing Eighty acres accord-
ing to the Government Survey thereof.

Together with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertain-
ing, 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
Frank M. Shannon
his heirs and assigns forever. And
Robert F. Looney
grantor above named does covenant to and with

Frank M. Shannon
the above named grantee his 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

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, I the grantor above named, hereunto set my hand and seal this 24th
day of June 1898.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED IN THE PRESENCE OF US AS WITNESSES:
H. L. Probst.
Myrtle Fitzwater.

Robert F. Looney (SEAL.)
[SEAL.]
[SEAL.]
[SEAL.]

STATE OF OREGON,
COUNTY OF Gilliam } ss.
June A. D. 1898, before me, the undersigned, a County Clerk
in and for said County and State, personally appeared the within named
Robert F. Looney (Single) known to me to be the identical person
described in and who executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same. And
of the said

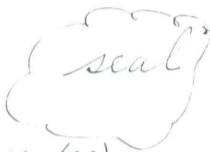
on an examination made by me, separate and apart from said husband, then and there acknowledged to me that
executed the same freely and voluntarily and without fear, coercion or compulsion from any one.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and Official seal the day and year last above written.
A. N. Grazer, Co. Clerk
By H. L. Probst, Deputy.

day of November 1898, before me the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said City and County and State, personally appeared the within named Sophia E. Collins and George W. Collins her husband who are known to me to be the identical persons 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 Official seal the day and year last above written.

Henry M. McGill
Notary Public in
and for the City and County of
San Francisco, State of California.



(100 J. P. H. M. McGill 14/11/98)

State of California } ss
City and County of San Francisco }

J. C. F. Gurry, County Clerk of the City and County of San Francisco, State of California, and ex-officio Clerk of the Superior Court thereof (which Court is a Court of Record, having a seal), do hereby certify, that Henry M. McGill whose name is subscribed to the Certificate or proof of the annexed instrument, and therein written, was, at the time of taking such proof or acknowledgment a Notary Public, in and for said City and County, duly commissioned and qualified, and authorized by law to take the same, and full faith and credit are due to all his official acts as such Notary. And I do further certify, that I am well acquainted with the handwriting of the said Notary, and verily believe that the signature to the said certificate or proof of acknowledgment is genuine, and that said instrument is executed and acknowledged in accordance with the laws of the State of California.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the said Superior Court at my office in said City and County, this 14th day of November, A. D. 1898.

J. C. F. Gurry.
County Clerk and ex-officio Clerk of Superior Court.



Sophia E. Collins et al } Filed for record December 23rd 1898
To } at 8 o'clock A. M.
Frank M. Shannon } H. N. Frazer Clerk.

Warranty Deed.

Know all men by these presents, that Sophia E. Collins and George W. Collins her husband of the city and County of San Francisco, State of California in consideration of Six Hundred (\$600.00) Dollars to them paid by Frank M. Shannon of Gilliam County, State of Oregon, have bargained, and sold, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell and convey unto said Frank M. Shannon his heirs and assigns, all the following bounded and described real property, situate in the County of Gilliam and State of Oregon:

To Wit:

The South East quarter (1/4) of Section Sixteen (16) in Township Four (4) South of Range Twentyone (21) East of the Willamette Meridian; and containing 160 acres more or less. Together with all and singular the tenements hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, and also all their 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 Frank M. Shannon his heirs and assigns forever. And Sophia E. Collins and George W. Collins grantors above named do covenant to and with Frank M. Shannon the above named grantee his heirs and assigns that they are lawfully seized in fee simple of the above granted premises, that the above granted premises are free from all encumbrances, and that they will and their 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, we the grantors above named, hereunto set our hands and seals this 14th day of November, 1898.

Signed, sealed and delivered } Sophia E. Collins (Seal)
in the presence of us as witnesses } George W. Collins (Seal)

1. Henry M. McGill

2. E. J. Waugh

(Sec. 1, P. S. E. C. 14/11/98)

State of California } ss.
City and County of San Francisco }

This certifies, that on this fourteenth



Times-Journal Aug 15,
2002

Shannon ranch to be among 'Century Farms'

Gilliam County farm owners will be among the honorees this year at the Century Farm and Ranch awards ceremony August 31 at the Oregon State Fair in Salem. Jack and Jeanie Shannon of Condon, whose family acquired its farm just south of Condon in 1884, will be honored at the ceremony.

Francis Marion and Ella Nora Myers Shannon, Jack Shannon's grandparents, homesteaded on the farm one mile south of Condon in 1884 after a six-month covered wagon trip from Kansas. Jack and Jeanie Shannon still reside in the farm home that was built in 1902.

The Century Farm and ranch program started in 1958, on the eve of the Statehood Centennial Celebration, to honor farm and ranch families with century-long connections to the land. All award recipients have verified, through deeds or other documentation, that their property has been continuously owned by a member of their family for at least 100 years. The program recognizes Oregon's rich agricultural heritage, and has registered nearly 1,000 properties in the past 40 years.

The program is administered by the Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation in partnership with the Oregon Department of Agriculture, the Oregon Historical Society and the Oregon Farm Bureau. Every application received for the program is added to the OHS Library, highly acclaimed by researchers worldwide, and can provide valuable information about settlement patterns, livestock and crop choices, building design and family history.

For additional information about the Century Farm and Ranch program, contact Ken DuBois at the Oregon Historical Society, 503-306-5221.