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J. V. and Arlene Thomas

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Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation



Century Farm & Ranch Program Application

Date May 17, 2004

Type of designation (please check) Century Farm Century Ranch

Legal owner's name J. V. and Arlene Thomas

(Please attach contact information if other than legal owner)

Mailing address Redacted for Privacy

Telephone Redacted for Privacy E-mail address _____

County Baker Location of farm or ranch (distance from nearest town) 3 miles
from Halfway, Oregon

Township 8 Range 46E of Willamette Section 22 & 15
Meridian

Original family owner(s) or founder(s) Lorena Barbara Estes

Date (year) this farm or ranch was acquired by founder(s) May 23, 1904
(Attach verifying documentation, see qualification #7)

Founder(s) came to Oregon from Germany Louisville, Kentucky

Who farms or ranches the land today? J. V. and Arlene Thomas
David & Lynda Bird

Relationship to original owner (See qualification #5, please explain lineage) Arlene Thomas is a daughter
Lynda Bird is a granddaughter.

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

If yes, please describe The white two story farm house

History of crops or livestock raised on farm or ranch Grass hay, Hereford cattle, various breeds of
milk cows, a few horses, a few pigs, a few chickens, a few sheep

What is raised on the farm or ranch today? Grass hay, pasture and Hereford cattle

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

Please list names and birth years Arlene Thomas October 13, 1915

Please submit two or three pages of family history narrative, including, but not limited to generational transfers of the farm or ranch. You are also encouraged to submit photos of the property.

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

Statement of Affirmation

I, Arlene Thomas Redacted for Privacy
hereby affirm and declare that the farm or ranch which I own at Halfway, Oregon
in the County of Baker
shall have been owned by my family for at least 100 continuous 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, including that the farm or ranch has a gross income from farming or ranching activities of not less than \$1,000 per year for three out of the five years immediately preceding making this statement. I understand that the application materials will become property of the Oregon Historical Society Library and be made available for public use.

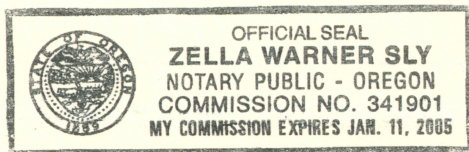
Arlene Thomas June 17, 2004
Signature of Owner Date

Certification by Notary Public

State of Oregon
County of Baker

Be it remembered, that on this 17 day of June, 2004, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said county and state, personally appeared the within named Arlene Thomas, known to me to be the identical individual described in and who executed the within instrument and acknowledged to me that she 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.



Zella Warner Sly
Notary Public for Oregon

My Commission Expires 1/11/05

Fees

Application Fee (includes one certificate)	\$ <u>50.00</u>
Additional Certificates (\$15 each)	\$ _____
Total enclosed	\$ _____

Make checks payable to
Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation or OAEF

For office use only

Date Received _____

Approved? Yes No

Authorization _____

Century Farm and Ranch Project Coordinator

OHS Library

MSS 1604 Program ID No. _____

Lorena Barbara Schaefer (1879-1945) came from Germany to Louisville, Kentucky, when she was four. Her mother, after being widowed, moved to Cornucopia, Oregon and ran a boarding house for the gold miners. Lorena married George Estes and when their children were small (Leona 5, Charles 4 and Velma 2) her husband was killed in a snow slide on March 11, 1904 at the Queen of the West mine.

Lorena, was a small woman, 4'10 and city raised but after her husband was killed she purchased the farm in Pine Valley from George and Anna Snapp in May, 1904 for \$2,500.00. She learned to milk cows, raise hogs, harness a horse and with help from neighbors run the farm. In turn she was able to support her family.

Later she married Richard (Dick) Koopman (1878-1952) and their only child, Arlene was born October 13, 1915 in the big, white two-story house that still remains on the farm. Dick and Lorena (Lorene as she was called by many) divided their time farming this land as well as two other parcels; one of which Dick had previously owned called the Kendall place and the other being land they owned bordering the Wallowa-Whitman forest called Hooker Flat.

Arlene married J. Vernon Thomas in Weiser, Idaho on March 6, 1937. A few years after their marriage, Vernon and Arlene moved into the big, white house and continued to raise hay, pasture and sometimes grain. They milked cows, raised hogs, chickens and Hereford or Hereford/Shorthorn range cattle on this farm. Vernon and Arlene, also always had a few horses, some work horses and some on which to work their cattle. Silky and Win, their present horses spend the summers at Hooker Flat and the winters on the home place. Vernon and Arlene have partially retired but they continue live on the farm, raise a garden and check on the cattle and horses that are fed there.

Vernon and Arlene's two children are Lynda Lorene, who married David Bird from Joseph and they live on the Kendall place. Cheryl Ella lives in Hood River, Oregon.

Lynda and Dave, retired school teachers, continue to run this farm. They raise primarily grass hay and pasture for their registered Hereford cows. Cheryl, also a retired school teacher, also has several registered Herefords in Halfway as well as Columbia sheep in Hood River.



Dick & Lorena Koopman



Arlene & Vernon Thomas
(1950's)



Dick, Lorena and Arlene Koopman and relative Ellen Watkins (Gulick)
In front of the white house mentioned in the writeup)



Milk cows in the pasture - the machine shed, silo, barns, corral in background.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS that George U. Snapp and Anna E. Snapp husband and wife, of Halfway, Baker County, State of Oregon in consideration of twenty five hundred (\$2500.00) dollars to them paid by Lorena B. Estes of Cornucopia, Baker Co., State of Oregon, have bargained, and sold and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell and convey unto said Lorena B. Estes and her heirs and assigns all the following bounded and described real property situated in the County of Baker, and state of Oregon

The southwest quarter of the south east quarter of section 15, in Township 8 South of Range 46 East of the Willamette Meridian in Baker County, Oregon and containing 80 acres.

Also the water rights, thereunto belonging, together with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining and also all the 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 Lorena B. Estes, and her heirs and assigns forever. And George U. Snapp and Anna E. Snapp the grantors above named do covenant to and with Lorena B. Estes 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 incumbrances 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 they the grantors above named hereunto set their hands and seals this twenty third day of May, 1904

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of us as witnesses

W.B. Blakeslee
Chas B. Orai

G.W. Snapp (Seal)
Anna E. Snapp (seal)

State of Oregon)
)ss
County of Baker)

Be it remembered that on this 23rd day of May, A.D. 1904 before me the undersigned, a Notary Public, in and for said County and state personally appeared the within named George U. Snapp, and Annie B. Snapp, husband and wife in whom the title is vested, 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 seal the day and year last above written.

Notarial Seal

Chas. B. Orai,
Notary Public for Oregon

Filed for record May, 24", A.D. 1904 at 10 A.M.

R.W. Henry, Recorder.