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Donald & Ruth Rencken

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Century Farm & Ranch Program Application

Date May 27 2005

Type of designation (please check) Century Farm Century Ranch

Legal owner's name Donald and Ruth Rencken

(Please attach contact information if different than legal owner)

Mailing address Redacted for Privacy

Telephone Redacted for Privacy E-mail address _____

County Umatilla Location of farm or ranch (distance from nearest town) Redacted for Privacy
Redacted for Privacy

Township 6 Range 35 Section 16

Original family owner(s) or founder(s) Gevert Rencken

Date (year) this farm or ranch was acquired by founder(s) 1903
(Attach verifying documentation. See Application Qualification #7)

Founder(s) came to Oregon from Mandan North Dakota

Who farms or ranches the land today? Donald and Ruth Rencken with son Bruce

Relationship to original owner (See Appl. Qualification #5. Please explain lineage) Grandson

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

If yes, please describe _____

History of crops or livestock raised on farm or ranch (use additional pages, as needed) Fruit Orchards (apples, cherries, prunes were sold) berries and garden for family. Dairy started in 1930's until 1992. milked up to 95 cows known as Rencken Bros dairy

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

Please list names and birth years Donald 1922 Ruth 1930^{son} Bruce 1967 Eric 2001 Nichole 2003 (Eric and Nichole are Bruce's children) son Zane 1964 zane children Nathen 1996 Mikayla 1992

[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 next page.)

Statement of Affirmation

I, Donald J. Rencken & Ruth L. Rencken
hereby affirm and declare that the farm or ranch which I own at Redacted for Privacy

Milton Freewater OR in the County of Umatilla

has 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 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. By signing below, I understand that I am consenting to the use of both information and photographs.

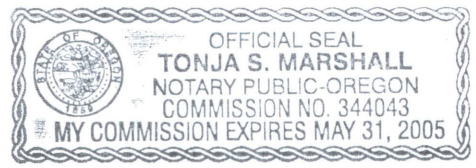
Donald J. Rencken May 31 - 2005
Signature of Owner Date RR
Ruth L. Rencken

Certification by Notary Public

State of Oregon
County of Umatilla

Be it remembered, that on this 31st day of May, 2005, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said county and state, personally appeared the within named Donald J. Rencken & Ruth L. Rencken, known to me to be the identical individual 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 set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year last above written.



Tonja S. Marshall
Notary Public for Oregon

My Commission Expires 5/31/05

Fees

Application Fee
(includes one certificate) \$ 50.00
Additional Certificates (\$15 each) \$ _____
Total enclosed \$ 50.

Make checks payable to:
Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation or OAEF

For office use only

Date Received 6-6-05
Approved? Yes No
Authorization _____
Century Farm & Ranch Program Coordinator
OHS Library
MSS 1604 Program ID No. _____

Gevert Rencken and Catherine	:	WARRANTY DEED
Rencken husband and wife	:	Dated April 13th. 1910
	:	Acknowledged April 13th. 1910
Grantors	:	Filed April 14th. 1910 at 1 PM
To	:	Recorded Book 67 of Deeds Page 424
	:	Signatures are sealed
John Rencken	:	Officers seal is affixed
	:	Two witnesses
Grantee	:	Consideration \$1.00

Acknowledged before S. E. King, Walla Walla County Washington.

Description:

commencing at a point 101.5 rods West of a point on the East line of Section 16 Township 6 North Range 35 EWM 80 rods North of the Southeast corner of said Section, thence West 138.5 rods, thence South 2 rods, thence East 80 rods, thence South 22.25 rods thence East 73.50 rods, thence Northwesterly to the place of beginning

Together with the right to an equal 1/3 of the water that has been acquired and used and that hereafter to be acquired and used upon Grantors lands of which this tract is a part. Through a ditch intersecting the land herein conveyed to intersect with the creek across the lands of the grantors and other lands through which grantors have acquired an irrigation easement right, with full rights to 1/3 of said ditch and the right to maintain and keep open at all times, the parties hereto to maintain and care for said ditch in proportion to their said interests.

The grantors reserving the right to change the location of said ditch where it crosses their land but in a way not to effect the gravity flow.

John Bade and Anna Bade
his wife and Fritz Bade
unmarried

: WARRANTY DEED - EXCEPT MORTGAGE
: Dated January 5th. 1903
: Acknowledged January 5th. 1903
Grantors : Filed January 16th. 1903 at 8:05 AM
: Recorded Book 38 of Deeds Page 418
: Signatures are sealed
: Officers seal is affixed
: Two witnesses
Grantee : Consideration \$4300.00

To
Covert Renoken

Acknowledged before Max Baumeister, Notary Public Walla Walla County
Washington.

Description:

Commencing at the Southeast corner of section 16 Township 6
North Range 35 EWM, and running thence North on the Section line
80 rods, thence West 240 rods, thence South 2 rods, thence East 80
rods, thence South 22-1/4 rods, thence East 75-1/2 rods, thence in
Southwesterly direction to a point in the section line 65 rods West
of said Southeast corner of said section 16, thence East 65 rods
to the place of beginning

Also the right of way for a water ditch 2 feet wide and 1 foot
..... over and across the Northeast of the Northeast of Section 21
in said Township and Range in Umatilla County Oregon.

Subject to one mortgage given John Stuble October 1, 1897
for \$1700.00 due five years after date, which said second party
hereby assumes and agrees to pay.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That JOHN B. RENCKEN, a widower, in consideration of ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00), and other valuable consideration, being a total consideration of less than \$100.00, to him paid by GILBERT W. RENCKEN and DONALD J. RENCKEN, does hereby grant, bargain sell and convey unto said GILBERT W. RENCKEN and DONALD J. RENCKEN, each an undivided one-half interest, their heirs and assigns, all the following real property, with the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances, situated in the County of Umatilla and State of Oregon, bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 16, Township 6 North, Range 35, E. W. M., running South two rods to the place of beginning, running thence East 80 rods, thence South 15 rods, thence West 80 rods, thence North 15 rods to the place of beginning, containing 7 1/2 acres more or less.

Also commencing at a point 101.5 rods West of a point on the East line of Section 16, Township 6 North, Range 35, E. W. M. 80 rods, North of the Southeast corner of said Section; thence West 138.5 rods, thence South two rods, thence East 80 rods, thence South 29.25 rods, thence East 73.50 rods, thence Northwesterly to the place of beginning, containing 10 acres.

Also the South Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 16, Township 6 North, Range 35, E. W. M.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the above described and granted premises unto the said GILBERT W. RENCKEN and DONALD J. RENCKEN, each and undivided one-half interest, their heirs and assigns forever.

As part of the consideration for this deed grantor shall have the right to occupy the home situated on said premises for and during his natural lifetime.

It is hereby understood and agreed that as part of the consideration for this deed the grantees are to take care of

support, cloth, maintain and do whatever else may be necessary to make me reasonably comfortable during my lifetime.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, TH the grantor above named, hereunto set my hand and seal this 12 day of November, 1954.

John B. Rencken (SEAL)

STATE OF OREGON)
 : ss.
County of Umatilla)

On the 12TH day of November, 1954, personally appeared the above named JOHN B. RENCKEN, a widower, and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his voluntary act and deed.

Before me:



[Signature]
Notary Public for Oregon
My Commission Expires: Aug. 19, 1955

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SATISFACTION OF MORTGAGE

214467

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That GILBERT W. RENCKEN

owner and holder of the Mortgage and the obligation hereinafter described, do hereby certify and declare that a certain mortgage, bearing date the 10th day of July 19 86 made and executed by DONALD J. RENCKEN and RUTH L. RENCKEN, husband & wife

the mortgagor therein, to GILBERT W. RENCKEN the mortgagor therein and recorded in the office of the County Recorder of the County of Umatilla, State of Oregon, in book R-140 Record of Mortgages on page 652 or as file/reel number (indicate which) on July 14, 19 86;

SATISFIED

RECORDED 96 JAN 24 A 9:43

together with the debt thereby secured, is fully paid, satisfied and discharged.

In construing this satisfaction of mortgage, where the context so requires, singular includes the plural and all grammatical changes shall be implied to make the provisions hereof apply equally to corporations and to individuals.

In Witness Whereof, the undersigned has executed this instrument this 10th day of July 19 86; if the undersigned is a corporation, it has caused its name to be signed and seal affixed by its officers, duly authorized thereto by order of its board of directors.

Gilbert W. Rencken

Gilbert W. Rencken

(if executed by a corporation, affix corporate seal)

STATE OF OREGON, County of Umatilla, 10th, 19 86

Personally appeared the above named Gilbert W. Rencken

and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his voluntary act and deed.

Before me:

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

Sonya J. Marshall

Notary Public for Oregon

My commission expires: 5/31/89

STATE OF OREGON, County of _____, 19 _____

Personally appeared _____ and _____ who, being duly sworn, each for himself and not one for the other, did say that the former is the _____ president and that the latter is the _____ secretary of _____

_____ a corporation, and that the seal affixed to the foregoing instrument is the corporate seal of said corporation and that said instrument was signed and sealed in behalf of said corporation by authority of its board of directors; and each of them acknowledged said instrument to be its voluntary act and deed.

Before me:

Notary Public for Oregon

My commission expires:

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

Satisfaction of MORTGAGE

RENCKEN

TO

RENCKEN

No.

AFTER RECORDING RETURN TO

Donald and Ruth Rencken

Redacted for Privacy

DON'T USE THIS SPACE; RESERVED FOR RECORDING LABEL IN COUNTIES WHERE USED.)

State of Oregon)

County of Umatilla)

This instrument was received and recorded on 01-24-96 at 9:43

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Location R283-1566

Document number 96-214467

Fee 5.00

Office of County Records

Received by S. Monroeth Records Officer

CONTRACT OF SALE

THIS AGREEMENT made and entered into this 20th day of May, 1960, by and between Carl Henry Rencken and Frankie Rencken, husband and wife, herein referred to as Sellers, and Donald J. Rencken and Ruth L. Rencken, husband and wife, and Gilbert W. Rencken, a single man, herein referred to as Purchasers, WITNESSETH:

The Sellers hereby agree to sell to Donald J. Rencken and Ruth L. Rencken an undivided one-half interest in and to the following described real property and to Gilbert W. Rencken an undivided one-half interest in and to the following described real property, situate in Umatilla County, Oregon, to wit:

Commencing at the southeast corner of Section Sixteen (16), Township Six (6) North, Range Thirty-five (35), E.W.M., and running thence West on the Section line Thirty-four rods to a point on the section line which is the true point of beginning for this description; thence North Forty-seven rods; thence West thirteen rods; thence North thirty-three rods; thence West fifty-four and one-half rods; thence Southeasterly to a point which is fifty seven and three-quarters rods Northerly and eighty-six and one-half rods Westerly from the said Southeast corner of said Section Sixteen; thence Southeasterly to a point in the Section line which is sixty-five rods West of said Southeast corner of said Section Sixteen; thence Easterly on the Section line thirty-one rods to the point of beginning of this description.

other lands owned by Sellers, held by Federal Land Bank Association

Together with an easement for egress and ingress, jointly with others, for a private road, on the strip of land twenty feet wide off of the West side of the following described real property, to wit:

State of Oregon, County of Umatilla, Section Sixteen (16), Township Six (6) North, Range Thirty-five (35), E.W.M.

Commencing at the Northeast corner of the Northeast quarter of Section Twenty-one (21), Township Six (6) North, Range Thirty-five (35), E.W.M., running thence West on the Section line twenty-four rods; thence South at right angles eighty rods; thence East at right angles twenty-four rods; thence North on the Section line eighty rods to the place of beginning.

Together with an easement for a twenty-foot private road from the north end of the easement next above described in Section Twenty-one for egress and ingress and proceeding Northwesterly as now established to the West line of the following described real property, to wit:

Commencing at the Southeast corner of Section Sixteen (16), Township Six (6) North, Range Thirty-five (35), E.W.M., and running thence North on the Section line forty-seven rods, thence West thirty-four rods; thence South forty-seven rods, thence East thirty-four rods to the point of beginning.

Subject to water and irrigation and public utility easements across the lands first above described.

Together with all irrigation and water rights pertaining to the lands hereby conveyed.

Together with a sprinkler system consisting of a 10 h.p. pump, 510 feet of 4-inch mainline, seventeen 40-ft. laterals and two 20-ft. laterals, and sprinkler heads and accessories.

The Purchasers agree to pay therefor the sum of Fourteen Thousand & No/100 (\$14,000.00) DOLLARS as follows:

The sum of Five Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Six & 02/100 (\$5,396.02) DOLLARS by assumption of a certain real estate mortgage upon the lands hereinabove described, together with other lands owned by Sellers, held by Federal Land Bank Association of Walla Walla, Washington, or The Federal Land Bank of Spokane, in the sum of said amount, and by payment of the balance of purchase price, to wit: Eight Thousand Six Hundred Three & 98/100

(\$8,603.98) DOLLARS in cash upon delivery of warranty deeds conveying good and merchantable title.

Sellers warrant that the balance of said mortgage on May 20, 1960, is as follows: Principal, \$5290.28, Interest to May 20, 1960, \$116.97, less a credit of Sellers in the future payment fund of said association amounting to \$11.23.

Purchasers covenant and agree to pay said mortgage and all interest thereon before the same shall become delinquent according to the terms thereof and will hold and save Sellers harmless by reason thereof.

Purchasers further agree that if at any time Sellers should desire to sell the other real property owned by Sellers and not conveyed by this contract, which is subject to said mortgage, that Purchasers upon written notice from Sellers, will within sixty (60) days thereafter discharge and cause to be released said mortgage, so far as it shall apply to the other lands of Sellers, which Sellers desire to sell.

Sellers shall pay or cause to be paid the 1959 taxes, and Purchasers shall pay the 1960 taxes which will become due and payable in the Fall of 1960.

Purchasers shall be entitled to possession as of May 20, 1960.

This contract of sale cancels and terminates a lease heretofore made for one year between the parties, for the 1960 crop year. The sum of \$250.00 heretofore paid on account of

said lease shall be retained by Sellers as rent to May 20, 1960, and the remainder of the rental for the crop year 1960 is hereby cancelled.

Independently of this contract, Purchasers will purchase from Sellers for a consideration of Three Hundred Sixty & no/100 (\$360.00) DOLLARS the shares of capital stock now owned by Sellers in Federal Land Bank Mortgage Association of Walla Walla.

Both parties will execute all papers as required by the mortgagee and to carry out this agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Carl Henry Rencken
Carl Henry Rencken

Frankie Rencken
Frankie Rencken

SELLERS

Donald J. Rencken
Donald J. Rencken

Ruth L. Rencken
Ruth L. Rencken

Gilbert W. Rencken
Gilbert W. Rencken

PURCHASERS

Rencken Farm 1903 – 2005

The grandparents of Donald Rencken were Gevert and Catherine Rencken who emigrated from Sellsted Germany with five children, Don's father being one of them, in 1888. They landed in New York and took a boat on the Erie Canal to get to Dakota where they took up a homestead. One of the children became sick on the boat and died shortly after arrival in Dakota. About a month later the oldest child drown in a pond. The sixth child was born in December with five more in Dakota and one boy after moving to Freewater Oregon. Gevert came to Freewater to visit some friends and liked the country with lots of fruit and berries, which they could not grow in Dakota. Gevert and Catherine moved their family to the Fruitvale district 6 miles NW of Milton-Freewater, Oregon where they purchased the farm in January 1903, which Don and his wife Ruth with their son Bruce and family now farm.

Gevert and Catherine grew apples, cherries, and prunes with a few berries. These fruits were sorted and packed in boxes on the farm then hauled to a shipping point with a team and wagon. Some of the produce was sold on the place. Animals were raised for the family's own use. Butchering day was always a big event with relatives all helping out and making it a social event too. Grandfather purchased an adjacent property in 1905 and built a new house there, later the original buildings were torn down. When their son John married Dora Anderson, Don's parents, Gevert and Catherine gave him 10 acres of their place. John and Dora built a house and a barn that still exist today along with a shop and sheds added a time went by. The rest of the original place was given to John's brothers and sister. Don and Gilbert, his brother has purchased the entire original place and it is again one place.

John and Dora had five children, 2 girls and 3 boys. They added to the farm by purchasing some neighboring properties. They also had orchard and berries with a few cows. Dora made butter, which was sold or traded for groceries along with extra eggs from the chickens. One year Gilbert decided to start a chicken business but it didn't do very well so more cows were added. In 1937 Rudy, Gilbert and Don took over their Dad's farm and started shipping cream to the Puritan Creamery in 5 gallon cans and stored down in the well to keep cool and hauled on a flatbed truck to the creamery. World war 11 began and the oldest brother was drafted into the army. When he

returned home he bought his own farm so it was just Don and Gilbert on their Dad's farm. During the war they began selling milk and sold milk for the next 50 years under the registered name of Rencken Bros. Over the years much effort was made to produce the best quality milk and they won many awards from Mayflower Farms in Portland, Oregon now called Northwest Dairyman located in Seattle Washington. In 1986 Gilbert retired and we bought his share of the farm. Don and Gilbert had improved and built up a herd of 95 milking Jerseys when we retired from the dairy business in 1992. Now the main crops are alfalfa for hay, corn for silage and wheat to fit the rotation of crops. Our son, Zane and his family live on the farm too. His 2 children are getting big enough to help on the farm. Son Bruce and wife Theresa farm with us, his children are ages 2 and 3 years, they may be future farmers.

Farmstead

1980



field
Chopping
alfalfa Hay
1955

Don on
Tractor
brother
Gilbert
driving
Horses
(Queen and
Coally)





Top: View of Farm with
Blue Mountains in background

Right: Butchering Day
Gevert Rencken on the left
son John on the right

