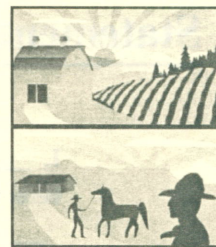


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Dale L. Counsell

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Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation



Century Farm & Ranch Program Application

Date MAY 15, 2004

Type of designation (please check) Century Farm Century Ranch

Legal owner's name DALE L. COUNSELL

(Please attach contact information if other than legal owner)

Redacted for Privacy

Mailing address

Telephone Redacted for Privacy E-mail address Redacted for Privacy

County Union Location of farm or ranch (distance from nearest town) 7 South of La Grande

Township 4 South Range 38 E.W.M Section 1 + 2

Original family owner(s) or founder(s) FRANK COUNSELL

Date (year) this farm or ranch was acquired by founder(s) Feb 25, 1905

(Attach verifying documentation, see qualification #7)

Founder(s) came to Oregon from BRISTOL, ENGLAND * KANSAS

Who farms or ranches the land today? DALE L. COUNSELL

Relationship to original owner (See 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 A wood cellar, used as a fruit storage. Has 12" sawdust walls & ceiling

History of crops or livestock raised on farm or ranch A 10 acre apple orchard was planted, the apples were sold to the Hot Lake Sanitarium Beef cows, and milk cows also produced

What is raised on the farm or ranch today? Beef CATTLE, and Alfalfa HAY

How many generations live on the farm or ranch today? 2 Myself and my son

Please list names and birth years DALE COUNSELL 8-25-1946, Scott L. COUNSELL 8-25-1977. (Frank Counsell died 1911, his son, my father Edward U. Counsell 7-8-1911 - 9-30-94)

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, DALE L. COUNSELL
 hereby affirm and declare that the farm or ranch which I own at LA GRANDE
 in the County of Union
 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.

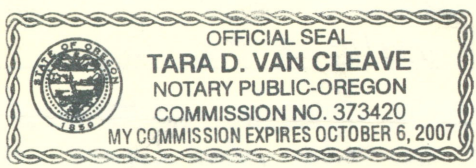
Dale Counsell Signature of Owner July 2, 2004 Date

Certification by Notary Public

State of Oregon
 County of Union

Be it remembered, that on this 2nd day of July, 20 04; before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said county and state, personally appeared the within named Dale Counsell, 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.



Tara VanCleave
 Notary Public for Oregon
 My Commission Expires October 6, 2007

Fees	
Application Fee (includes one certificate)	\$ <u>50.00</u>
Additional Certificates (\$15 each)	\$ _____
Total enclosed	\$ <u>50.00</u>
Make checks payable to Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation or OAEF	

For office use only

Date Received July 2004

Approved? Yes No

Authorization _____
 Century Farm and Ranch Project Coordinator

OHS Library

MSS 1604 Program ID No. _____

August 20, 2004

A Century of Hay Production

Loose Hay Production

Early 1900's- Ed Counsell

A horse drawn mowing machine, horse drawn buck rakes (used to form hay wind rows), and horse drawn hay buck were in use at this time. The horses pushed the hay buck down the windrows pushing the hay to the Jackson Fork derrick, which was used to stack the hay in loose haystacks.

Horses and Tractors

A Fordson Tractor was purchased and worked together with the horses. The hay bucks and buck rakes were replaced with side delivery rakes that ran over the hay putting more hay into the windrow.

The Fordson was slow and awkward and was traded after 1 year for a Farmall F-20 tractor. A Swede-Bind was also purchased. It was used to pick up the loose hay in the raked windrow and placed it on the back of a wagon. The hay continued to be stacked by the Jackson Fork derrick into loose haystacks.

Baled Hay Production

1952- The first baler was a Case wire hand tie. The hay was cut by now with a mowing sickle run by the F-20 tractor and the side delivery rake was used. The Case hand tie baler was next traded for a New Holland 58 baler. The hay continued to be hauled and stacked by hand with the then modified Jackson Fork derrick.

The next improvement saw a Farmall-C tractor being used for mowing and a Farmall-H used for baling. (The Farmall-H is the tractor that George has restored).

1960- An International 46 baler was purchased and could bale within 1 hour what the New Holland 58 baler could bale in 1 day.

1964- the Farmall-C tractor was traded for an International 240 tractor (better known as Little Toot)! This new tractor was the first farm hand tractor on the ranch. The modified Jackson Fork derrick was still being used to stack the baled hay in the haystacks.

1976-Dale Counsell- Dale bought a 4010 John Deere tractor that documented the beginning of Dale's ranching/farming. It was also the first John Deere tractor on the ranch much to the dismay of his father Ed. At this time Dale was farming and raising potatoes.

1978- Dale took over the hay production and bought a New Holland 1495 Haybind swather- self-propelled, which cut and placed the hay in windrows.

1980- A 3 wide, tractor driven, Bale Wagon was purchased and the International baler was traded for a John Deere 347 baler. At this time a Hew Holland side delivery rake was purchased.

1992- John Deere Round Baler was purchased and used in addition to the John Deere 347. The round baler made feeding the bales less labor intensive due to the automated, tractor driven bale feeder.

Hay production on the ranch has seen a progression of automation over the years. Originally the haying season saw a 10 horse/ 10 man (person) haying crew at work each summer. Today, haying is a one-man operation.

a hay press that came into the valley. So he baled and delivered hay all winter. He had to cut every stack in the middle to divide evenly.

I got ahead of myself on the kids. When they got old enough to go to school, they had to walk 2 ½ miles, as the house was ½ mile down the field they cut across the fields. They had to build 2 footbridges across the creeks. They got a girl named Nancy Turnbow who had a hard life at home to stay and help the little kids through the snow blizzards to school and back. Nancy, after she grew up, married Lawrence Drumsmith and lived in the place just west of the school house for the next 40 years. The Game Commission now owns all that land and about 1000 acres more.

Through the years then Mr. Gangloff died. Dad could no longer get along with Mrs. Gangloff so we moved over on the Foothill on the old Frank McClure place where Harley was born. They stayed there about 1 year then they bought the home place in 1904 where Raymond and Edward (1911) was born. I don't know what dad bought it for. There was only 8 acres of land and orchard to farm, but the big orchard was planted.

X

D.Sommer-etux.

To

Frank Counsell.

Know all men by these presents; that D.Sommer and R.Sommer his wife, of Elgin State of Oregon, in consideration of Sixteen hundred Dollars to us paid by Frank Counsell of LaGrande State of Oregon, have bargained and sold and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said Frank Counsell his heirs and assigns, all the following bounded and described real property, situated in the County of Union and State of Oregon.

the west half (W 1/2) of the southwest quarter of Section one in township 4 south of Range 38 E.W.M. also a part of the east half of the southeast quarter of Section two township 4 South of Range 38 E.W.M. described as follows to-wit:-

Commencing at the southeast corner of said section two thence running North 38° west, thirteen (13) chains, thence running North 8° east 30.20 Chains to the North line of said Southeast quarter of Section two, thence running east to Section 1 line 4.00 chains thence running south on section 1 line to place of beginning containing in all 103.4 acres of land more or less.

Together with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining, and also all our 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 Counsell his heirs and assigns forever. And D.sommer and R.Sommer grantors above named does covenant to and with Frank Co unsell 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 forev er defend the above granted premises, and every part and parcel thereof, against the lawful claims and demands of all persons whatsoever.

In witness whereof, we the grantors above named hereunto set our hands and seal this 25th day of February A.D.1905.

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of

Lena Blum
J.K. Wright.
State of Oregon)

D.Sommer
R.Sommer



) SS
/County of Union)

This certifies that on this 25 day of February A.D.1905 before me the undersigned Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared the within named D.Sommer and R.Sommer his wife, 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 notarial seal the day and year last above written.

(notarial seal)

J.K. Wright, Notary Public for Oregon.

(Recorded March 11, 1905 at 11:40 A.M.



Recorder.)

Counsell Ranch Facts

- . 1891 – Mary and Frank Counsell lived on 12th Street, Mabel was born
- . 1893 – Lulu was born
- . 1895 – Kate was born
- . 1896 – Henry was born
- . 1899 – Frank was born
- . 1902 – Belle was born
- . 1904 – Harley was born
- . 1904 – moved on to Ranch, 9 members in the family, paid \$1600
- . 1908 – Ray was born
- . 1911 – Edward born, Frank (father) died
- . 1916 – Old house torn down, present house built
- . 1929 – Barn built – Lillian moved into neighborhood

- . 1938 – Edward and Lillian married, build little house (20x30) for \$500
- . 1940 – George born (beginning of 3rd generation on ranch)
- . 1943 – Mark born
- . 1946 – Dale born, bought the Campbell place
- . 1953 – Ed and Lillian moved into the large house, Grandma Counsell moved into the little house
- . 1954 – Grandma Counsell died, Ed took over the farm (brothers signed off on place since he took care of Grandma Counsell until her death)
- . 1974 – Dale and Charlene built home, Angie born (beginning of 4th generation on ranch)
- . 1976 – Ed semi-retired (sold his cows)
- . 1977 – Scott was born
- . 1980 – Dale bought cows and started ranching
- . 1994 – Ed died

- . 1998 – Lillian died
- . 1999 – Dale and Charlene moved into large house and remodeled it. Scott and Meghan moved into Dale's house
- . 2001 – Scott and Meghan married
- . 2004 – Kendra Lee born (beginning of 5th generation on ranch)

Counsell Happy Valley Ranch

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Additional facts and history.
Hope this helps.

Dale + Charlene Counsell