

CFR 1101

Verne L. Root

CFR 101

Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation

Century Farm & Ranch Program Application

Date 5/27/2005

Type of designation (please check) Century Farm Century Ranch

Legal owner's name Verne L. Root

(Please attach contact information if different than legal owner)

Mailing address Redacted for Privacy

Telephone Redacted for Privacy E-mail address Redacted for Privacy

County Wasco Location of farm or ranch (distance from nearest town) 1111 Root Road
Mosier, Oregon 97040

Township 2N Range 12 Section 7

Original family owner(s) or founder(s) Amos Root

Date (year) this farm or ranch was acquired by founder(s) 1878
(Attach verifying documentation. See Application Qualification #7)

Founder(s) came to Oregon from Indiana

Who farms or ranches the land today? Verne & Wade Root

Relationship to original owner (See Appl. Qualification #5. Please explain lineage) Grandson & Great 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) Apples, pears,
prunes, peaches, cherries, alfalfa

How many generations live on the farm or ranch today? 3
Please list names and birth years Verne Root - 1924, Wade Root 1958, Cameron Root - 1988
Casey Root - 1990

[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, Verne L. Root,
hereby affirm and declare that the farm or ranch which I own at Redacted for Privacy
Mosier, Oregon, in the County of Wasco
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.

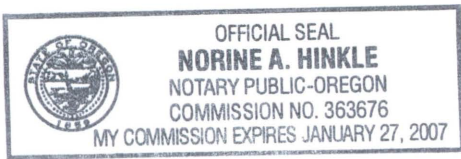
x Verne L Root _____ 5-27-05
Signature of Owner Date

Certification by Notary Public

State of Oregon
County of Hood River

Be it remembered, that on this 27 day of MAY, 2005, before me, the
undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said county and state, personally appeared the within named
Verne L Root, known to me to be the identical individual described in and who
executed the within instrument and acknowledged to me that this is 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.



Norine A Hinkle
Notary Public for Oregon
County of Hood River.
My Commission Expires 1-27-2007

Fees

Application Fee
(includes one certificate) \$ 50.00
Additional Certificates (\$15 each) \$ 15.00
Total enclosed \$ 65.00

Make checks payable to:
Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation or OAEF

For office use only

Date Received 6-3-05
Approved? Yes No
Authorization _____
Century Farm & Ranch Program Coordinator
OHS Library
MSS 1604 Program ID No. _____

A Brief History of the Root Family Farm in Mosier, Oregon.

My father, Clyde Root, was born on this farm in 1892. He told me his father, Amos Root, had sheep near Cherry Creek and on hearing that the Indians were beginning to harass some of the settlers in that area, he came to The Dalles and sold the band of sheep. He then began to look for farm land. He found a homestead for sale near Mosier and he bought it in 1878. He then moved his family here. The farm had 160 acres. Amos cleared a portion of the land and is credited with starting the first commercial apple and pear orchards in Mosier. In 1907 he helped organize the Mosier Fruit Grower's Association and served as its president until 1921 two years prior to his death.

How Mr. Root Started His Orchard

Truman Butler recalled, when he heard of the tragic death of Amos Root, of an incident, which, he declares one of the most interesting in his own life, and which was coupled close with the career of Mr. Root. Mr. Butler was reared in The Dalles. When he was 14 years old he was possessed of \$150, and Mr. Root, who had just purchased 160 acres of Mosier land, visited that city seeking funds for improving the place. Mr. Root borrowed the money of the potential banker, and the latter took a mortgage on the land. Mr. Root utilized the money to best advantage in clearing a portion of his place and getting his start in the fruit business. Mr. Butler drew from the investment his first interest.

"Mr. Root only last week," said Mr. Butler Monday, "was in Hood River, and jocularly remarked how he and I had started each other in business."

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The Oregonian October, 1923

In 1910, Amos and Hannah sold 15 acres of the property to their son Clyde, and 15 acres to their son Leslie. Clyde began clearing a portion of his 15 acres and planting orchard. After returning from service in the Army in WWI, Clyde continued to clear and plant land. He also became the manager of Rosedale farm, the family farm owned by his parents and later their heirs. Clyde purchased additional 20 acres adjoining his property and began clearing and planting. In addition to orchard, Clyde raised alfalfa. In 1963, he purchased another 15 acres adjacent to his current holdings.

After returning from service in the Air Force in WWII, Verne bought 40 some acres adjacent to Clyde's property in 1951. This property had 11 acres of orchard planted on one piece, mostly gravenstein and striped delicious apples with 1 ½ acres of cherries and a few pear trees. Another piece of the property had 1 ½ acres of ortley apples. As time continued, Verne removed trees and replanted with cherries. "There was money in cherries. The apples I had to peddle" he explained. In 1964, Verne and Lois began

acres from his Aunt Olive "Doll" Root. This was the 15 acres that Leslie Root had purchased from Amos Root in 1910.

In 1975, Verne and Lois began purchasing and operating the 50 acres owned by Clyde and Christine. By this time, most of the 50 acres were in cherries, although there were still a few acres of alfalfa.

In 1990, Verne and Lois purchased another 72 acres adjacent to the property purchased from Clyde and Christine. 40 some acres of this new piece were planted in orchard.

In 1988, Wade began working with Verne and then in 1994 he began operating the farm. Verne and Lois currently own the farm and live on the place, although Wade is in charge of all the day to day operations of the farm.

Amos Root and Hannah Holdeman were married May 18, 1871 in Wakarusa, Indiana.

1. Mary Alice Root born November 25, 1871
2. Elmer Lewis Root, born October 6, 1873
3. Alvin Leo Root, born July 26, 1876
4. Sarah Rozella Root, born April 19, 1879
5. Nora Arvilla Root, born February 8, 1885
6. Edna Arrissia Root, born September 19, 1888
7. Leslie Owen Root, born July 30, 1890
8. **Clyde Amos Root, born October 8, 1892**

Clyde A. Root and Christine L. Pugh were married December 16, 1923 in The Dalles, Oregon.

1. **Verne Leroy Root, born October 24, 1924**
2. Kenneth Archie Root, born November 29, 1926
3. Lelia Bernice Root, born April 8, 1930

Verne L. Root and Lois A. Huskey were married September 4, 1953 in The Dalles, Oregon.

1. Carol Jean Root, born May 15, 1955
2. Alice Mabel Root, born September 13, 1956
3. **Wade Douglas Root, born March 16, 1958**
4. Mary Louise Root, born September 24, 1959
5. Susan Grace Root, born May 24, 1961
6. Sally Ann Root, born September 24, 1966

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Central Oregon**

**Published: 1905 by
Western Historical Publishing
Company**

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residence there he went to Colorado and worked in the mines about six years. Returning home, he spent two years in the Buckeye State and two in Indiana and in 1875, he came to Oregon. He spent several years in the Willamette valley, ranching and then came west of the mountains and raised sheep but was driven out of that business owing to the uprising of the Indians. In 1878, he bought the place where he now resides and since then has made it his home. The farm consists of one hundred and sixty acres, forty of which are under cultivation. Thirty acres of the forty are planted to apples, cherries, peaches, prunes and so forth. Mr. Root is a skillful and thrifty horticulturist and turns off many boxes of fruit each year.

In Indiana, Mr. Root married Miss Hannah Holderman, a native of that state. Her parents, Samuel and Sarah (Boyer) Holderman were born in Ohio and died in Indiana. Mrs. Root has several brothers and sisters and Mr. Root has the following named brothers and sisters, Henry, Samuel, William, and Elizabeth Zaner. To our subject and his esteemed wife eight children have been born; Elmer R., a farmer near The Dalles; Leo, with him; Leslie and Clyde, school boys; Alice, wife of Wallace A. Husband, living four miles east of Mr. Root's place; Zilla, the widow of Mr. Jones, residing with her father; Nora and Edna, at home.

Politically, Mr. Root has formerly been a Democrat and attends many of the conventions, but recently he has embraced the Socialist faith which he believes to contain the right principles for the settlement of the political questions. He takes a lively interest in school affairs and has been a director for many years.

AMOS ROOT, a substantial farmer and fruit raiser, who resides about two miles east from Mosier, was born in Ohio. His parents, John and Sarah (Hurst) Root, were natives of Pennsylvania and from Dutch stock. They both died in Ohio. Our subject was raised in Ohio until twenty-one where he received his education, then journeyed west to Iowa. After four or five years'

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From The Dalles to the Sea
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pages 325. 326**

CLYDE A. ROOT

Clyde A. Root, manager of the Rosedale fruit farm, near Mosier, Wasco county, Oregon, is regarded as one of the most progressive and enterprising farmers in his section of the Columbia river valley and is meeting with well merited success. Born at Mosier, on the 8th of October, 1892, he is a son of Amos and Hannah (Holderman) Root, descended from staunch old Pennsylvania Dutch stock. His father was born in Ohio and his mother in Elkhart, Indiana. Amos Root was educated in the public schools of Ohio, in which state he lived until twenty-one years of age, when he moved to Iowa, where he engaged in farming for a few years. From there he went to Colorado, where he worked in the mines for six years, after which he returned to Ohio and lived in that state and Indiana until 1875, when he came to Oregon, locating in the Willamette valley, where he bought a large band of sheep, which he drove to eastern Oregon, herding them on Cherry creek until the Indians went on the war path and compelled him to leave that section. However, he managed to save his sheep, which he drove to The Dalles, where he sold them, and in 1878 he bought one hundred and sixty acres of land, two and a half miles east of Mosier, in Wasco county. The place was covered with timber and, after building a log house, he entered upon the task of clearing the land and getting it into cultivation, in which he was assisted by his two sons. In the course of time nearly all of the land was cleared and he was the first man in Wasco county to plant a commercial dry land orchard, putting thirty acres in cherries, peaches and apples. This proved a successful enterprise and he made a number of substantial improvements on the farm, having built a fine, modern house in 1900, a substantial barn in 1904 and a packing house in 1920. He continued to live there until his death, both he and his wife passing away September 30, 1923. They were the parents of eight children, namely: Mrs. Mary A. Husband, who lives in Mosier; Elmer L., of Mosier; Leo Alvin, of Portland, Oregon; Mrs. Sarah Rozella Davidhizar, of Mosier; Mrs. Nora A. Rordein, deceased; Mrs. Edna A. Evans, of Mosier; Leslie O., of Portland, Oregon; and Clyde A. Amos Root was active in local affairs, having helped to organize the Mosier Fruit Growers Association, of which he was president for eighteen years. He was a member of the school board of Rose-dale school district, and donated land for the schoolhouse, which he helped to build.

Clyde A. Root secured his educational training in the district school of his home neighborhood and remained with his father until his marriage, though occasionally working out as a blacksmith. He now operates the old home farm, his principal crops being fruit and hay, also keeping a few cows and hogs, and is an up-to-date farmer, giving his painstaking attention to his work, in the management of which he has shown good judgment.

On December 16, 1923, Mr. Root was united in marriage to Miss Christine Pugh, who was born in Dufur, Oregon, and is a daughter of Archibald and Lillian (Campbell) Pugh, both of whom are still living in Wasco county. Her paternal grandparents, Andrew J. and Christine Pugh, were natives of Virginia, from which state they moved to Missouri. Archibald Pugh was born in St. Louis, Missouri, August 31, 1859, and in the late '70s came to Oregon, settling on a farm near Dufur, Wasco county. Later he sold that place and bought a ranch eight miles southeast of Dufur, where he now owns four hundred acres of fine land, which he devotes to cattle and wheat raising. His wife, who was born in Ontario, Canada, of Scotch parents, came to Oregon in 1881. She was first married to George McLeod, who died at Dufur. They became the parents of five children: Stewart, of Dufur, Oregon; Mrs. Rena Brown, of Detroit, Mich.; Floyd, of Maupin, Oregon; Mrs. Grace Chalmers, of Maupin, Oregon; and John, of The Dalles. Mr. Pugh was married twice and by his first wife had a daughter, Ruth, who is now the wife of William Galbraith, of Port-

land, Oregon. Mr. and Mrs. Pugh had two children, Mrs. Christine Root and Alda, who is now attending a business college in Portland, Oregon. Mr. and Mrs. Root are the parents of two children, Verne Leroy, born October 24, 1924, and Kenneth Archie, born November 29, 1926. Mr. Root is a member of Mosier Lodge, No. 182, I. O. O. F.; Hood River Camp, M. W. A., and the United Artisans, and also belongs to the Mosier Fruit Growers Association. He is a veteran of the World war, having enlisted in the air service, and was stationed at Tilly field, Texas, where he was with the One Hundred and Seventeenth Aerial Squadron, from which he was honorably discharged at the close of the war. Because of his earnest and upright life, his success as a farmer and his genial and agreeable manner, he is held in high regard throughout his section of the county and is extremely popular among his associates.

Record of Deeds for Wasco County, Oregon
Vol. F, Pages 431 and 432

(For Correction See Vol. O, page 429)

Lewis Lawley

To

Filed for Record on Sept. 16th 1878

Amos Root

This Indenture witnesseth. That I Lewis Lawley and Mary Lawley his wife, for the consideration of One thousand dollars to us in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have bargained and sold, and by these presents do bargain, sell and convey, unto Amos Root the following described premises to wit:

North half of the North West Quarter of Section Seven (7) and the South half of the South East quarter of Section Six (6) all in Township Two North of Range Twelve East containing one hundred and sixty acres of c.....

To have and to hold the said premises with their appurtenances, unto said Amos Root his heirs and assigns forever. And be the said Lewis Lawley do hereby covenant to and with the said Amos Root his heirs and assigns, that I am the owner in fee simple of said premises;, that they are free from all incumbrances and that I will warrant and defend the same from all lawful claims whatsoever.

Executed in presence of

Lewis Lawley seal

J. H. Condon Same witnesses

her

W. P. Watson to Mary Lawley signature

Mary X Lawley seal
mark

State of Oregon

County of Wasco

On the Sixteent day of September A.D. 1878 before the undersigned a Notary Public for Oregon, came the above named Lewis Lawley and Mary Lawley his wife, who are to me Known to be the identical persons described in and who executed the foregoing conveyance and acknowledged to me that they had executed the same; and the said Mary Lawley on an examination separate and apart from her husband, acknowledged that she executed the same freely and without fear or confusion from any one.

In witness whereof I have here unto set my hand and affixed my Notarial Seal on the day and year above written in this certificate

seal

James H Condon

Notary Public for the State of Oregon

County of Wasco)

On this 19th day of August A.D. 1878 before me the undersigned County Clerk in and for said County came the within named John W. Warden who is well known to me to be the identical person described in and who executed the foregoing conveyance and acknowledged to me that he executed the same freely for the use and purposes therein mentioned.

R. S. Gibson
County Clerk of Wasco County Oregon.

State of Oregon)
County of Wasco)

On this 24th day of August 1878 before me the undersigned personally appeared the within named Harriet A. Warden who is well known to me to be the individual described in and who executed the foregoing conveyance and in an examination separate and apart from her husband John W. Warden, acknowledged that she executed the same freely and without fear or compulsion from any one.

R. S. Gibson
County Clerk of Wasco County Oregon.

Lewis Lawley }
 " " } Filed for Record on Sept. 16th 1878
Anna Port }

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This Indenture witnesseth, That I Lewis Lawley and Mary Lawley his wife, for the consideration of One thousand dollars to us in hand paid, the receipt whereof heretofore acknowledged, have bargained and sold, and by these presents do bargain, sell and convey unto Anna Port the following described premises, to wit:
North half of the North West Quarter of Section Seventy and the South half of the South East quarter of Section Sixty six all in Township Five North of Range Five East containing one hundred and six of more or less Acres. To have and to hold the same premises and their appurtenances unto the said Anna Port her heirs and assigns forever. And the said Lewis Lawley and Mary Lawley do hereby certify that the said Anna Port is the true and lawful owner of the same premises and that she is not under any legal disability and that she is of legal age and is not married.

and that I will warrant and defend the same from all lawful claims whatsoever.

Executed in presence of } Lewis Lawley Seal
J. C. Conner Same witnesses }
W. P. Watson to Mary Lawley Signature } Mary Lawley Seal

State of Oregon }
County of Wasco }

On the Sixteenth day of September A.D. 1878 before the undersigned a Notary Public for Oregon came the above named Lewis Lawley and Mary Lawley his wife, who are to me known to be the identical persons described in, and who executed the foregoing conveyance, and acknowledged to me that they had executed the same; and the said Mary Lawley on an examination separate and apart from her husband, acknowledged that she executed the same freely and without fear or compulsion from any one.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Notarial Seal on the day and year above written in this certificate



James H. Condon
Notary Public for the
State of Oregon

Jas Guthrie }
J W French } Filed for Record on Sept. 17th 1878

This Indenture Witnesseth That I, James Guthrie Jr of the County of Tipton and State of Kentucky, by and through Harry A. Hooper my Attorney in fact lawfully constituted as such as appears by Order of Attorney recorded in the Office of the County Clerk of Wasco County, Oregon, for and in consideration of the sum of Three hundred Dollars to me paid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged have bargained and sold, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell and convey unto Joshua W. French the following described premises, viz:

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(To Correct p. 431 Vol. F)

Lewis and Mary Lawley
To
Amos Root

Filed Sept 2nd at 1:20 P.M. 1889

Know all Men by these Presents: That Lewis Lawley and Mary Lawley, man and wife, of The Dalles, Wasco County, Oregon, in consideration of One Thousand (\$1000.00) Dollars to us paid by Amos Root of Mosier, Wasco County, Oregon, do hereby grant, bargain, sell and convey unto said Amos Root his heirs and assigns forever, the following described parcel of area estate, to wit:

The South half of The South East quarter of Section six (6) and The north half of the north east quarter of section seven (7) in township two (2) North of Range Twelve (12) east of Willamette Meridian in Wasco County, Oregon, containing one hundred and sixty acres, more or less, according to Government survey.

This conveyance is made to correct a deed from Lewis and Mary Lawley to Amos Root and Dated September sixteenth 1878. And recorded in Volume F Page 431 Record of Deeds of Wasco County, Oregon.

Together with the tenements, hereditaments, and appurtenances thereto belonging, or in any wise appertaining and also all their estate, right , title and interest at law and equity therein or there to including dower and right of dower.

To have and to hold the same unto the said Amos Root and to his heirs and assigns forever. And Lewis Lawley and Mary Lawley do covenant with the said Amos Root and his heirs, assigns and his legal representative forever, that the said real estate is free from all incumbrances, and that they will and their heirs, executors and administrators shall, Warrant and Defend the same to the said Amos Root and his heirs and assigns forever, against the lawful claims and demands of all persons whomsoever.

In witness thereof, we have hereunto set our hand and seal this 27th day of August A.D. 1889.

Executed In the presence of
James and witness her mark
John R. Taylor

Lewis Lawley seal
her
Mary X Lawley seal
mark

State of Oregon
County of Wasco

This Certifies That on this 27th day of August 1889, before me, the undersigned Notary Public in and for the said County and State, personally appeared the within named Lewis Lawley who be 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 freely and voluntarily for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

And Mary Lawley wife of the said Lewis Lawley on an examination made by me, separate and apart from her said husband acknowledged to me that she executed the same and freely and voluntarily and without fear, coercion or compulsion from any one.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and Notarial Seal the day and year last above written.

Seal

John R. Taylor
Notary Public in and for Oregon

...Lawley do covenant with the said Amos Root and his heirs,
assigns and his legal representative forever, that the said seal
shall be free from all incumbrances, and that they will and their
heirs, executors and administrators shall, warrant and defend
the same to the said Amos Root and his heirs assigns forever,
against the lawful claims and demands of all persons whomsoever.
I Certify hereof, see more hereunto set our hand and seal
this 27th day of August A.D. 1879.

Witness my hand and seal
in presence of
James Taylor
(County Clerk)

Lewis Lawley
Martha Lawley
John R. Taylor

1879
Aug 27
E Seal

State of Oregon
County of Wasco

This Certified that on this 27th day
of August 1879, before me, the undersigned Notary Public in
and for the said County and State, personally appeared the
within named Lewis Lawley whose name he claims to be the
identical person described in and who executed the within instru-
ment, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same freely
and voluntarily, for the use and purposes therein mentioned.

And Martha Lawley wife of the said Lewis Lawley, made
examination made by me, separate and apart from the said
husband, acknowledged to me that she 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 Notarial Seal the day and year last above
written.

E Seal

John R. Taylor
Notary Public in and for
Oregon.