

CFR 1115

Barbara Skinner & Carol Fery

# Century Farm & Ranch Program Application

Date 5-22-06

Type of designation (please check) Century Farm  Century Ranch

Legal owner's name BARBARA F. SKINNER and CAROL A. FERY

(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 Linn Location of farm or ranch (distance from nearest town) 7 miles SE of Stayton, OR

Township 9 South Range 1 East W.M. Section 30

Original family owner(s) or founder(s) EDWARD and ANGELINE SMITH

Date (year) this farm or ranch was acquired by founder(s) 1905  
(Attach verifying documentation. See Application Qualification #7)

Founder(s) came to Oregon from Liberty, NEBRASKA

Who farms or ranches the land today? Legal owners

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

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

If yes, please describe The house is still habitable, but no one is presently occupying it.

History of crops or livestock raised on farm or ranch (use additional pages, as needed) Crops: Oats, wheat, bent grass, strawberries. Milk cows, beef cattle, sheep, chickens.

How many generations live on the farm or ranch today? -0-

Please list names and birth years \_\_\_\_\_

[ 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, BARBARA F. SKINNER,

hereby affirm and declare that the farm or ranch which I own at Redacted for Privacy  
Redacted for Privacy, in the County of LINN

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.

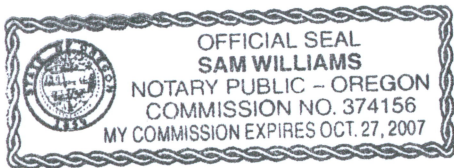
Barbara F. Skinner 5-26-06  
 Signature of Owner Date

## Certification by Notary Public

State of Oregon Linn  
 County of \_\_\_\_\_

Be it remembered, that on this 26 day of May, 2006, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said county and state, personally appeared the within named Barbara F. Skinner, 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.



[Signature]

Notary Public for Oregon

My Commission Expires 10/27/2007

### Fees

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

Make checks payable to:  
**Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation or OAEF**

### For office use only

Date Received 5/2006  
 Approved?  Yes  No  
 Authorization \_\_\_\_\_  
 Century Farm & Ranch Program Coordinator  
 OHS Library  
 MSS 1604 Program ID No. C9R1115

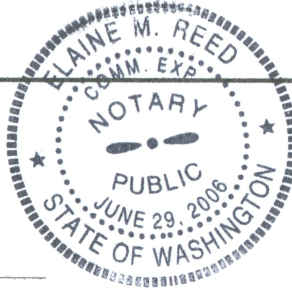
**Statement of Affirmation**

I, CAROL A. FERY,

hereby affirm and declare that the farm Redacted for Privacy, Redacted for Privacy, Redacted for Privacy  
Redacted for Privacy County of LINN

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.

Carol A Fery  
Signature of Owner Date 6-23-06



**Certification by Notary Public**

State of Washington  
County of Spoканe

Be it remembered, that on this 23rd day of May, 2006, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said county and state, personally appeared the within named Carol A Fery, 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.

Elaine M Reed  
Notary Public for Oregon Washington

My Commission Expires 6/29/2006

**Fees**

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

Make checks payable to:  
**Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation or OAEF**

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Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

Approved? Yes No

Authorization \_\_\_\_\_  
Century Farm & Ranch Program Coordinator  
OHS Library

MSS 1604 Program ID No. \_\_\_\_\_

I. According to a deed of record, in April, 1905, the property was transferred from George S. Robinson to Edward Smith and Angeline Smith for the sum of \$3,000.

Enclosed is a copy of the deed record.

II. The next enclosure shows a deed of sale to F. T. Smith and Mabel Smith, R. R. Schultz and Maude D. Schultz, our parents and aunt and uncle, on June 6, 1929.

III. The next enclosure shows that Robert Schultz, after the death of Maude, signed off to Fred and Mabel.

IV. The next enclosure shows Fred & Mabel Smith signing over the property to their children, Barbara Skinner and Carol Fery on Nov. 13, 1974.

Both parents are now deceased. Fred Smith died in 1980, and Mabel Smith in 1996.

V. This is an aerial photo of the Smith property.

VI. This is a location map.



DEED RECORD.

George S. Robinson  
Deed to  
Edward Smith and wife

Filed on the 4th day of April 1905  
at 8 o'clock 15 minutes A.M.  
W. W. Francis, County Recorder.

This Indenture Witnesseth, That George S. Robinson (unmarried)

his wife for the consideration of the sum of  
Three Thousand DOLLARS.

paid, have bargained and sold, and by these presents do bargain, sell and convey unto  
Edward Smith and Angeline Smith, husband and wife, as tenants by the entireties,

Lots Two (2), Three (3), Four (4) and Five (5) of Section Thirty (30), 1 n Township  
Nine (9) South, of Range One (1) East, of the Willamette Meridian, Oregon, containing one hun-  
dred and forty-three and twenty-five hundredths (143.25) acres, more or less, situate in Linn  
County, Oregon.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said premises, with their appurtenances, unto the said Grantees, their  
heirs and assigns forever. And I the said George S. Robinson,

do hereby covenant to and with the said Grantees, their  
heirs and assigns, that I am the owner in fee simple of said premises, that they are free  
of all mortgages, and that I will warrant and defend the same from all lawful claims whatsoever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 4th day  
of April 1905.

Done in Presence of  
Witnesses

(Seal)  
George S. Robinson  
(Seal)

STATE OF OREGON,  
County of Linn

On this, the 4th day of April A. D. 1905, personally came  
Notary Public in and for said county, the within named  
(unmarried) My wife, to me

the above named person described in and who executed the foregoing conveyance, and acknowledged to me that he  
is the owner of the same freely and for the uses and purposes therein named. And the said

person named and apart from her said husband, acknowledged to me that she executed the same freely and without  
any compulsion or fraud.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal this 4th day of April A. D. 1905  
W. W. Francis  
Notary Public for Oregon.



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Filed June 10th, 1929 at 3:10 o'clock P. M.

98642 Deed

Smith -to- Smith, et al

THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH That Angeline Smith widow and survivor by the entirety of Edward Smith deceased for the consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars and other consideration to her paid, have bargained and sold and by these presents does bargain, sell and convey unto F. T. Smith, Mabel L. Smith, R. R. Schultz and Maude D. Schultz the following described premises, to-wit:

Lots Two (2) Three (3) Four (4) and Five (5) of Section Thirty (30) in Township Nine (9) South of Range One (1) East of the Willamette Meridian, Oregon, and containing One Hundred and forty three and twenty five hundredths (143.25) acres, more or less, situate in Linn County, State of Oregon.

together with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging or anywise appertaining, and also allestate, 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 Grantees their Heirs and Assigns forever.

And the said Angeline Smith grantor above named does covenant to and with the above named grantees their heirs and assigns that she is lawfully seized in fee simple of the above granted premises, that the above granted premises are free from all incumbrances, and that she will and her, executor and administrator, 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.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 6th day of June, 1929.

Done in Presence of:

R. Shelton, Mary E. Shank

STATE OF OREGON, )

County of Linn. ) ss.

Angeline Smith

(SEAL)

On this 6th day of June, 1929, personally came before me a Notary Public in and for said County and State, the within named Angeline Smith a widow to me personally known to be the identical person described in and who executed the within instrument and who each personally acknowledged to me that she executed the same freely and voluntarily for the uses and purposes herein named.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this 6th day of June, 1929.

R. Shelton, Notary Public for Oregon  
My Commission expires Feb. 10th, 1933.

(L.S. )

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for the consideration of the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars  
to WILLIAMS, H. S. \_\_\_\_\_  
as tenants by the entirety and not an estate in common in \_\_\_\_\_  
in \_\_\_\_\_ County, Oregon, to-wit:

Lots Two (2), Three (3), Four (4) and Five (5) of Section 29,  
T. 9 S. E. 1 E. of the S.W. 1/4 Range 10E,

No revenue stamp required as actual consideration is less than  
the sum of \$100.00.

**To Have and to Hold** unto the said grantees their Heirs and Assigns forever.

AND the said grantee  
do hereby covenant to and with the said grantees, their Heirs and Assigns, that he is  
the owner in fee simple of said premises; that said premises are free from all encumbrances

and that he will WARRANT and DEFEND the same from all lawful claims whatsoever save  
and except as above stated.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 4<sup>th</sup> day of FEBRUARY 1950  
R. R. Schultz (SEAL)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(SEAL)  
(SEAL)  
(SEAL)  
(SEAL)

STATE OF OREGON }  
County of Union }  
On this 4<sup>th</sup> day of January 1950  
personally appeared the above named  
R. R. Schultz, unmarried

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

Before me: Maureen H. B...  
Notary Public for Oregon.  
My Commission Expires 11/1/50

STATE OF OREGON }  
County of Linn }  
I certify that the within instrument was received  
for record on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of JANUARY  
1950 at 8:30 o'clock A.M. and appeared in  
Book 212 Page 450 Record of Deeds of said  
county.

Witness my hand and Seal of County aforesaid.  
Walter E. H...  
Recorder of Conveyances.  
By \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy.

Return to office of  
WALTER E. H...  
Recorder of Deeds  
Oregon, Oregon

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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That F. T. Smith and Mabel L. Smith, husband and wife, herein called Grantors, subject to the Life Estate hereafter described, ~~hereinafter called grantor,~~ for the consideration hereinafter stated, does hereby grant, bargain, sell and convey unto Barbara F. Skinner and Carol A. Fery,

hereinafter called grantee, and unto grantee's heirs, successors and assigns all of that certain real property with the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, situated in the County of Linn, State of Oregon, described as follows, to-wit:

"Lots Two (2), Three (3), Four (4) and Five (5) of Section 30, T. 9 S. R. 1 E. of the W. M., Linn County, Oregon."

The Grantors hereby reserve unto themselves and to the survivor of them, a life estate in said property for the term of their respective lives, with the right of possession and control of said premises.

Until a change is requested, all tax statements shall be sent to the following address: F. T. Smith and Mabel L. Smith, Rt. 1, Scio, Oregon, 97374.

(IF SPACE INSUFFICIENT, CONTINUE DESCRIPTION ON REVERSE SIDE)

To Have and to Hold the same unto the said grantee and grantee's heirs, successors and assigns forever.

The true and actual consideration paid for this transfer, stated in terms of dollars, is \$1.00 and love and affection.

~~However, the actual consideration consists of or includes either property or value given or promised which is the whole consideration (indicate which)~~

In construing this deed the singular includes the plural as the circumstances may require. Witness grantor's hand this 13 day of November, 1974.

F. T. Smith
Mabel L. Smith

STATE OF OREGON, County of Marion ss. November 13, 1974
Personally appeared the above named F. T. Smith and Mabel L. Smith, husband and wife,

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

Before me: Sandra L. Zolkoske
Notary Public for Oregon
My commission expires 6-18-76

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

NOTE—The sentence between the symbols ①, if not applicable, should be deleted. See Chapter 462, Oregon Laws 1967, as amended by the 1967 Special Session.



The Smith Farm is located at Mt. Pleasant, near Scio, and Stayton, Oregon. It has fields extending up Mt. Pleasant. It has a beautiful setting, with view property encompassing the entire Jordan Valley.

A nice hike takes you down the hill to Bear Branch Creek, with pastureland and natural forest trees. My Dad and I used to enjoy fishing for crawdads on a hot summer's afternoon.

Our parents, Fred and Mabel Smith, worked hard and constantly on the farm to make a living for the family. They milked cows and sold milk and cream to the Mt. Angel Creamery. They raised chickens for eggs which we sold in exchange for groceries and other necessities. They raised oats and wheat which we harvested, threshed and ground into "chop" for our livestock.

Our Dad farmed with a team of horses for many years, and was one of the last in the neighborhood to acquire a tractor, a John Deere "A". For some extra cash, our Dad worked for a neighbor in his sawmill for 50 cents a day.

Our Dad also dug graves with pick and shovel at the Mt. Pleasant cemetery adjoining our property. He and Mother are buried there, as well as his parents Angeline and Ed, sister Edith, and also Mabel's parents, John and Anna Schultz.

Electricity did not come to Mt. Pleasant until about 1950, with electric lights in the house and barn instead of gas lanterns, and an electric range for Mother to bake her wonderful fragrant big loaves of bread, which we spread with the tasty home churned butter.

About 1960, our Dad built a large, sunny utility room onto the house where Mother had lots of room to do laundry and store her canned fruits and vegetables. They also acquired a roomy deep freeze. Until then we didn't have fresh meats, but had the wonderful canned beef, and smoked bacon, ham, and sausages.

As our parents neared retirement age, they raised beef cattle, and later, as Dad's health began to fail they raised sheep.

Our father Fred Smith passed away in 1980, and in 1986 our Mother rented out 19 acres for growth of Christmas trees. We continue to rent out acreage for Christmas trees which is a source of income.

Our Dad's father, Joseph Edward Smith, was born in Derby, England, in 1852. With his sister Catherine he came to America in 1874, and during the next several years, worked his way across the entire North American continent. He lived and worked for several years in Illinois, then moved west to Nebraska, to a town called Liberty. Here the 41-year-old bachelor met a young widow from Tennessee, Angeline Wright Johnson, and in 1893 they were married. Angeline had a daughter, Rose Mae, and soon two more daughters were born to the couple—Mary Ethel and Margaret.

Four years later they moved to Oregon, where they lived for a time in each of three communities: In the Roberts area of Salem, then near Stayton in what is now called Coon Hollow, and finally settling on a farm in Mount Pleasant. In 1905 they built the house where our father lived his entire life.

Two more girls, Dorothy and Maude, then their long awaited boy, Fred, arrived, as well as a daughter, Edith who died at an early age after ingesting matches. They built the farmhouse and moved in shortly before Fred was born.

Grandpa Ed died in 1927, shortly after his 75<sup>th</sup> birthday. He had spent a hot July day working in the hayfields, then that night he passed away in his sleep.

His son Fred married Mabel Schultz, who came from South Dakota as a teenager, on May 22, 1929, and they purchased the farm from Angeline. Two daughters were born to Fred and Mabel—Barbara Fay on November 19, 1930, and Carol Ann on May 31, 1938. Both daughters were born at home in the present farmhouse.

Mabel and Fred lived at Mt. Pleasant until Fred died in 1980, then Mabel remained on the farm until 1992, when she became too ill to stay alone. She passed away in 1996.



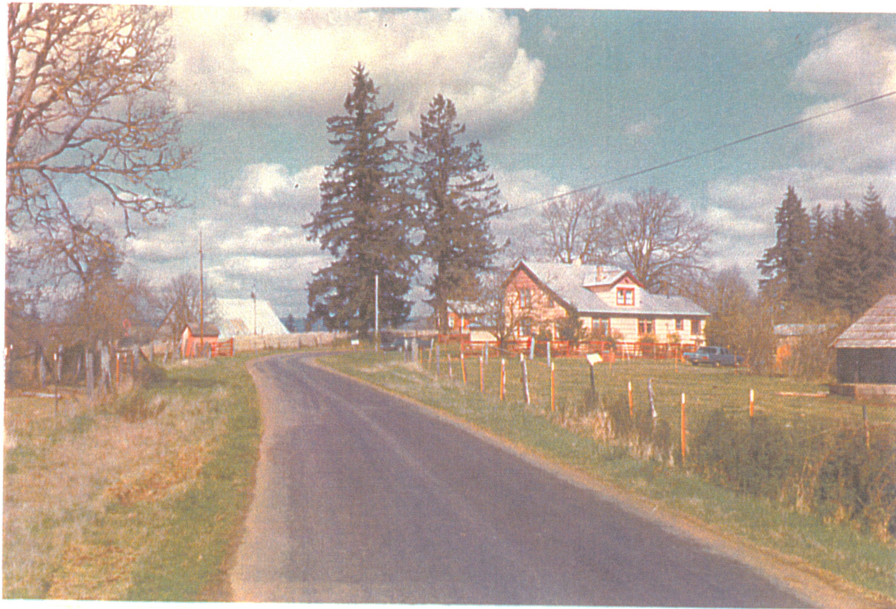
Ed Smith was born in Derby, England, on March 7, 1852. In 1874 he and his sister Katherine came to the United States by steamship and migrated westward. On October 19, 1893, he married widow Angeline Wright-Johnson in Liberty, Nebraska. They continued traveling and after crossing nearly the entire United States, they found the place they could call home. Perhaps the green rolling hills reminded him of his home in England. He purchased the Mount Pleasant farm in 1905 and built a home and there he spent the rest of his days.



Ed Smith's family pictured in 1915. Back row, left to right: Daughters Dorothy and Margaret, stepdaughter Rose Mae Thompson, wife Angeline; son-in-law Jim Thompson, daughters Mary Ethel and Maude; Front row: Granddaughter Rose Thompson, Ed Smith, grandson Robert Thompson standing in front of son Fred.

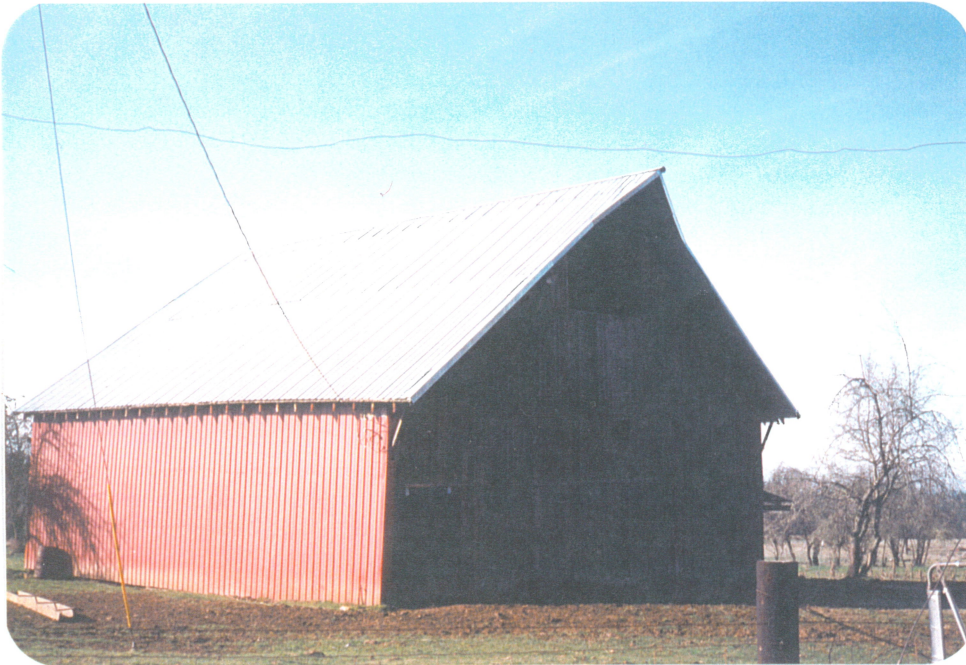


Ed Smith built a new house in 1905. In later years it has been remodeled, but the house is still standing. The farm lies between Mount Pleasant on the west and rolling mountains in the distance to the east.



The red barn and machine shed were built by Fred Smith and neighbor Joe Pietrok in 1948. The barn contained milking stanchions for eight cows plus a calf pen; box stalls for four horses; a granary; and a haymow. During the first years loose hay was stored, then later baled hay filled the haymow.

The machine shed held farm equipment and later a John Deere tractor was kept there.





The family comes home for Christmas in December 1974.

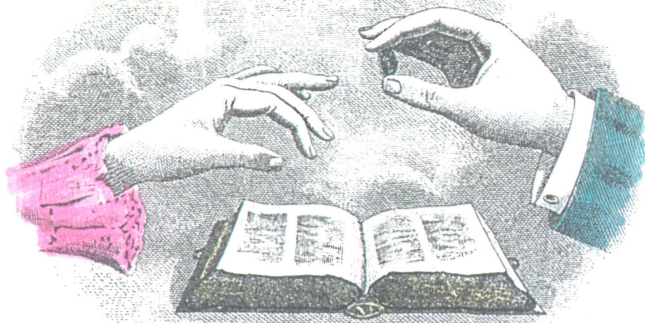


Standing in back row: Daughter and son-in-law Carol and Bob Fery; daughter and son-in-law Barbara and David Skinner; grandson Doug Fery; Seated in second row: Grandson Mark Fery, Grandmother and Grandfather, Mabel and Fred Smith; granddaughter Debbie Fery; Front row: grandsons Paul and Andy Skinner

Mabel and Fred Smith celebrated their Golden wedding anniversary on May 22, 1979, at the Mount Pleasant Community Church.







# This is to Certify

That Fred T. Smith of Scio  
State of Oregon and Mabel L. Schultz  
of Scio State of Oregon

Were by me united in



according to the ordinance of God  
and the Laws of the State of Oregon  
at Albany on the twenty second  
day of May, A.D. 1929

In presence of

Maudie D. Smith  
Robert R. Schultz

WITNESSES.

Joseph Y. Stewart  
Minister

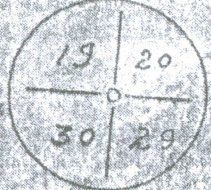
"What therefore God hath joined together"  
let not man put asunder.

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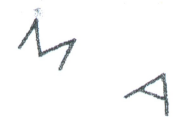


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Fred  
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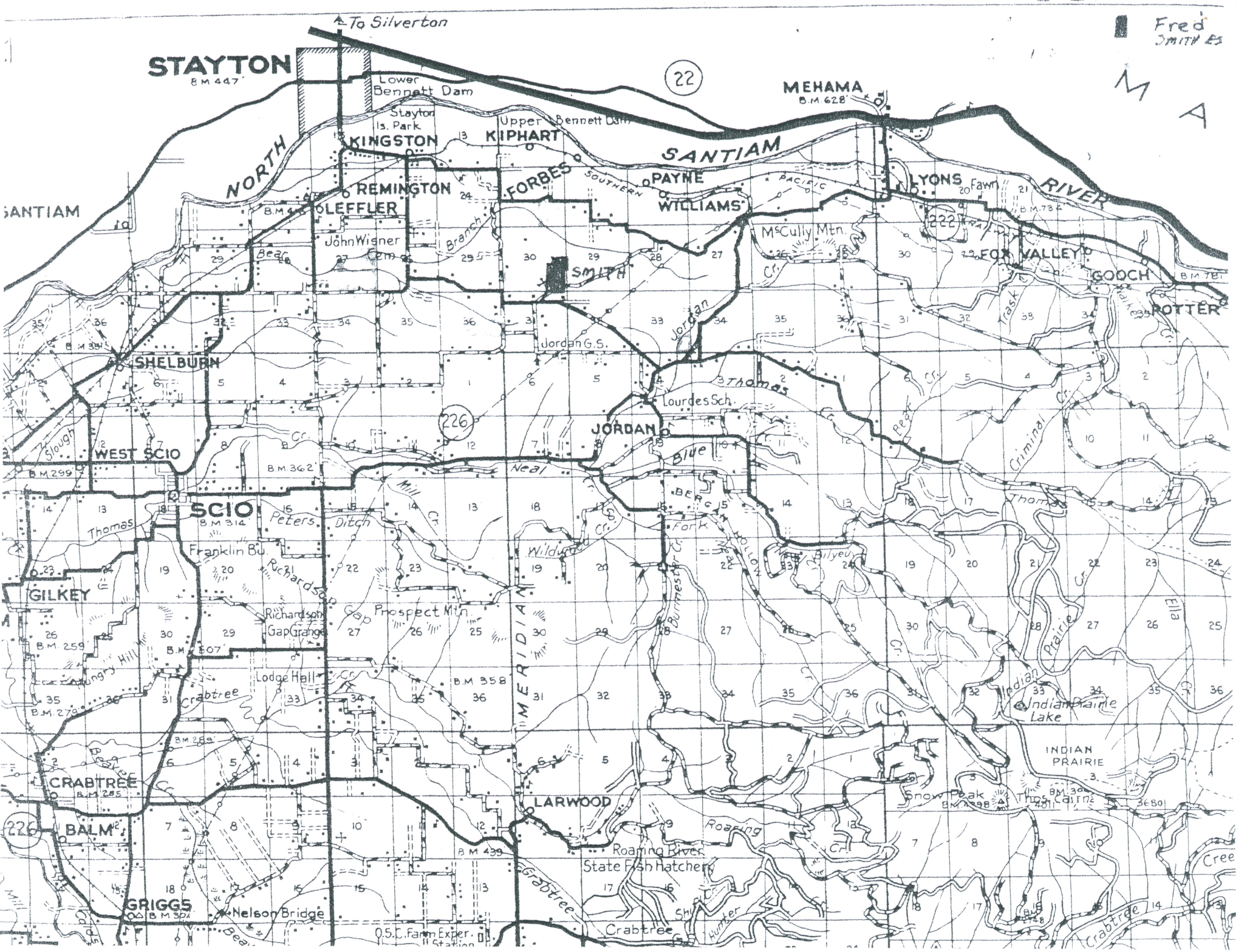


**STAYTON**  
B.M. 447

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**MEHAMA**  
B.M. 628



O.S.C. Farm Expt. Station