

CFR 1116

Donell & Mary Smock

# Century Farm & Ranch Program Application

Date 3/8/06

Type of designation (please check)  Century Farm  Century Ranch

Legal owner / Applicant name DONELL J. & MARY F. SMOCK

Mailing address of Legal Owner / Applicant Redacted for Privacy  
Redacted for Privacy

Telephone Redacted for Privacy E-mail address Redacted for Privacy

Contact name (if different than legal owner) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address of Contact \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Contact Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Contact E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

**Location of farm or ranch (which is the subject of this application):**

County UMATILLA

Distance 7 MILES from nearest town WESTON OR

Township 03N Range 36E Section 7-8

Address or physical location of the farm or ranch (which is subject of this application):  
7 MILES FROM WESTON SOUTH EAST  
9 MILES FROM ATHENA ON WILDHORSE RD.

GPS (Global Positioning System) Coordinates, if known: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Century Farm & Ranch Program Application - Continued**

**Founder(s):**

Original family owner(s) or founder(s) WILLIAM LOVEJOY SMOCK

Date (year) this farm or ranch was acquired by founder(s) APRIL 1906  
(Attach verifying documentation. See Application Qualification #7)

Who farms or ranches the land today? DONELL J. & TIMOTHY L. SMOCK

Relationship of Applicant to original owner. Please explain lineage. (See Application Qualification #7)

GRANDSON GREAT GRANDSON

**History of buildings:**

Are any of the original buildings still in use?  Yes  No

If yes, please describe the buildings and their former and current use:

LOG WOODSHED WOOD STORAGE  
LOG HOUSE LIVED IN BY 4 GENERATIONS  
TOOL SHED STORAGE  
BARN HAY & TACK

Are any of the buildings listed on the National Register of Historic Places?  Yes  No  
If, "yes", please describe:

**History of crops or livestock raised on farm or ranch:**

What were the early crops or livestock?

WHEAT BARLEY HAY GRASSSEED CATTLE  
POTATOES SOME HORSES RAISED DRY PEAS  
GREEN PEAS

How many acres were included in original farm or ranch? 327

How did the crops / livestock / use of farm or ranch change over the years?

NO GRASS SEED RAISED AFTER ABOUT 1940  
ALL OTHER CROPS RAISED FROM 1906  
POTATOES RAISED UNTIL 1985

# Statement of Affirmation

I, Donell J. Smock  
hereby affirm and declare that the farm or ranch which I own at Redacted for Privacy  
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.

Donell J. Smock Mar 8 2006  
Signature of Owner Date

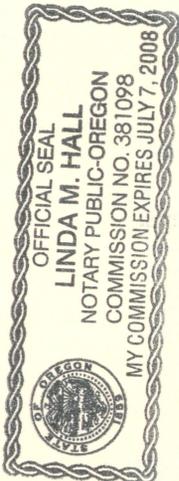
## Certification by Notary Public

State of Oregon  
County of Umatilla

Be it remembered, that on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2006, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said county and state, personally appeared the within named Donell J. Smock, known to me to be the identical individual described in and who executed the within instrument and acknowledged to me that Donell J. Smock 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.

Linda M. Hall  
Notary Public for Oregon  
My Commission Expires July 7, 2008



### Fees

Application Fee \$ 65.00  
(includes one certificate)  
Additional Certificates (\$20 each) \$ 20.00  
Total enclosed \$ 85.00

Make checks payable to:  
Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation or OAEF

### For office use only

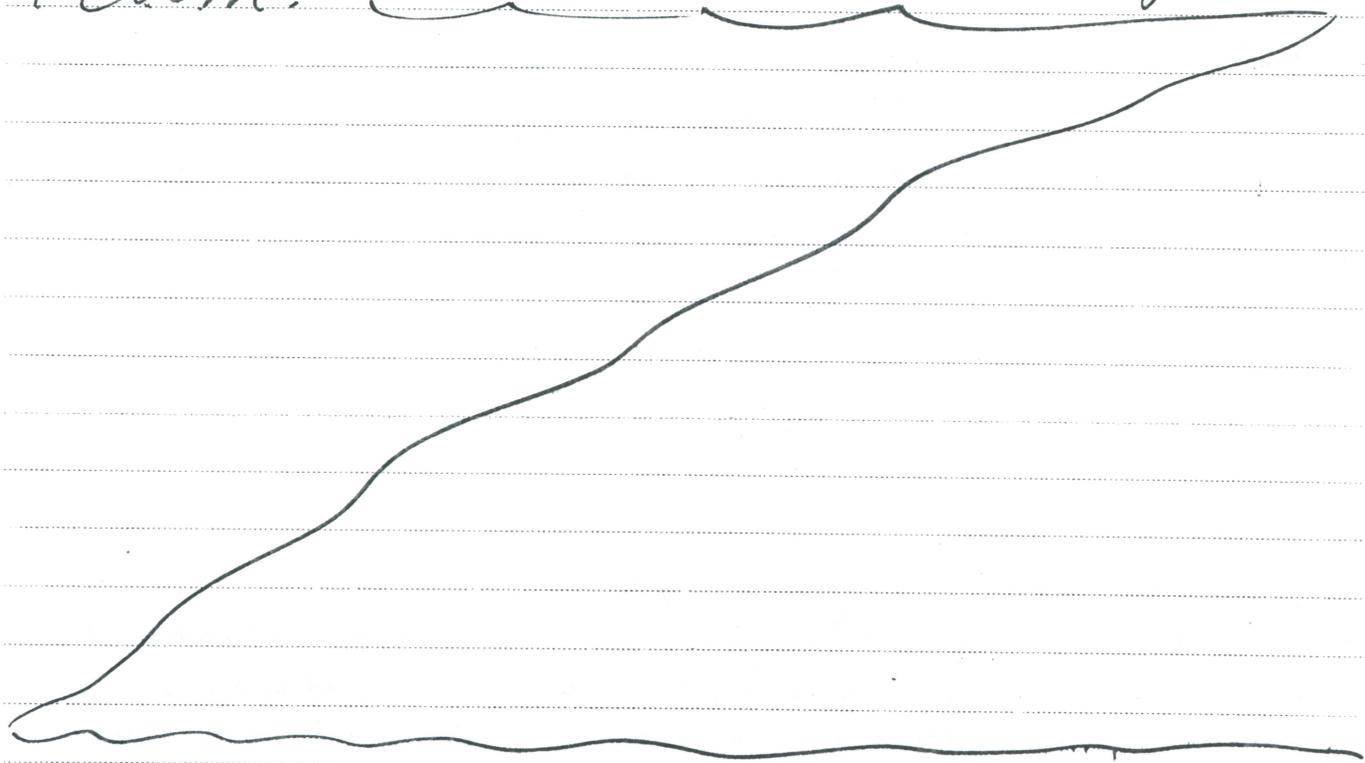
Date Received 2006  
Approved?  Yes  No  
Authorization GM  
Century Farm & Ranch Program Coordinator  
OHS Library  
MSS 1604 Program ID No. CFR 1116

# Know all Men by These Presents:

That *we* *George W. Warner and Lauretta A. Warner husband and wife,*  
 of *Umatilla* County of \_\_\_\_\_ State of Oregon,  
 in consideration of *Thirteen thousand two hundred \$* — Dollars,

to *us* paid by *William L. Smock*  
 of the \_\_\_\_\_ County of *Umatilla*  
 State of Oregon, ha ~~ve~~ bargained and sold, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell and convey unto said  
*William L. Smock*  
*his* heirs and assigns, all the following bounded and described real property, situated in the  
 County of *Umatilla* and State of Oregon:

*The South Half of the Northwest Quarter and the North Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 8, the South Half of the Northeast Quarter and the North Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 7, and the South Half of the South Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 7, all in Township 3 North, Range 36 E, 10m.*



Together with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise 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

*William L. Smock* his heirs and assigns forever. And *Mr. George W. Warner and Lauretta A. Warner* grantor. *I* above named do covenant to and with *William L. Smock* the above named grantee. *his* heirs and assigns, that the above granted premises are free from all incumbrances

and that *we* will, and *our* 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, *W* the grantor *I* above named, hereto set *my* hand *I* and seal *I* this *18th* day of *April* A. D. 190*6*

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of  
*J. C. Raley*  
*James Neagle*  
*George W. Warner* [SEAL]  
*Lauretta A. Warner* [SEAL]  
[SEAL]  
[SEAL]

WARRANTY DEED

*George W. Warner*  
TO  
*William L. Smock*

STATE OF OREGON,  
County of *Umatilla* ss.

I certify that the within instrument was received for record on the *19* day of *April* A. D. 190*6*, at *9:05* o'clock *A.*m., and recorded in Book *47* on page *622* Records of Deeds of said County.

Witness my hand and great seal of office affixed.  
*W. L. Brown*  
Recorder of Conveyances.

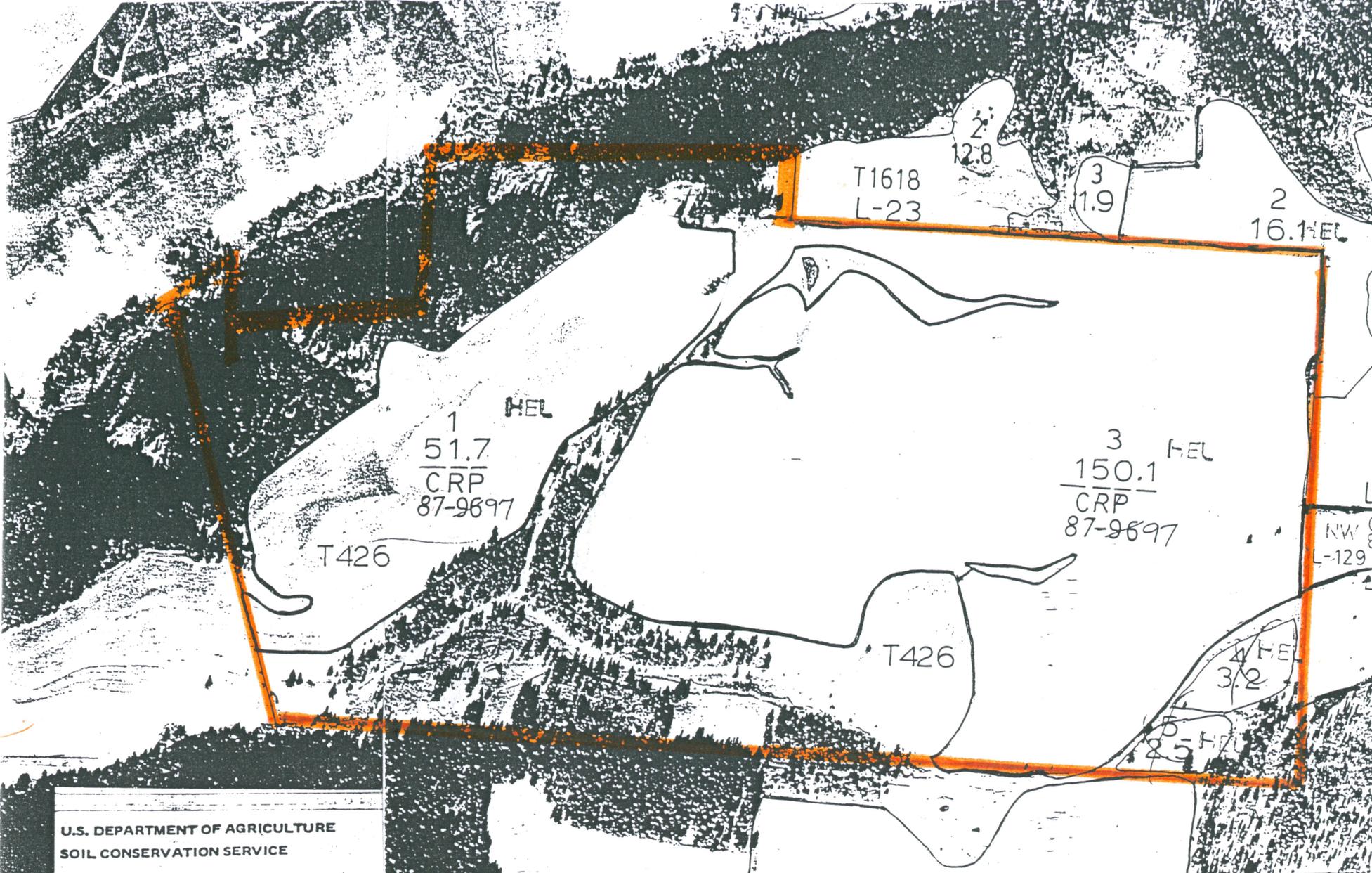
By *J. C. Raley* Deputy  
Fees *\$1.00* No. *33281*

*Garter, Raley and Raley*  
Attorneys.

STATE OF OREGON,  
County of *Umatilla* } ss.  
THIS CERTIFIES, That, on this *18th* day of *April* A. D. 190*6*, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the said County and State, personally appeared the within named *George W. Warner and Lauretta A. Warner, husband and wife* who are 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 for the purposes and uses therein mentioned.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal the day and year last above written.

*J. C. Raley*  
Notary Public for Oregon.



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE

Owner \_\_\_\_\_  
 County Umatilla  
 Approximate acres 51.7  
 Cooperating with \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plan identification \_\_\_\_\_  
 Assisted by \_\_\_\_\_

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE

Owner \_\_\_\_\_ Operator Dannel Smock  
 County Umatilla State Oregon Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approximate acres 150.1 Approximate scale \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cooperating with \_\_\_\_\_ Conservation I  
 Plan identification \_\_\_\_\_ Photo number I 25-H  
 Assisted by \_\_\_\_\_

3N-36E  
CONSERVATION PLAN MAP

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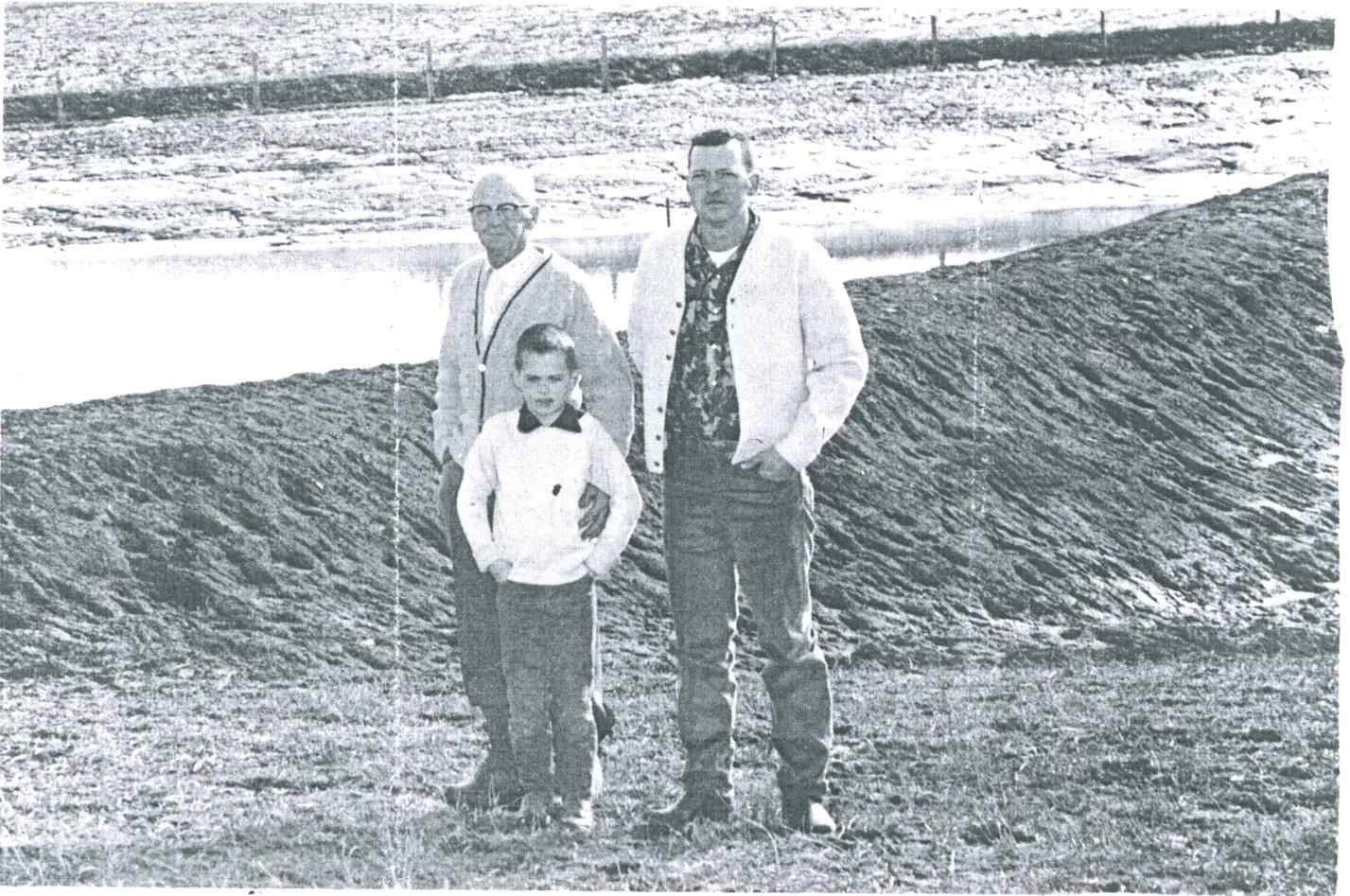
George W. Warner and Lauretta : WARRANTY DEED  
 A. Warner, husband and wife, : Dated April 18, 1906  
 Grantors: Acknowledged April 18, 1906  
 : Filed April 19, 1906 at 9:05 AM  
 : Recorded Book 47 Deeds, Page 622  
 : Signatures are sealed  
 : Officers seal is affixed  
 : Two witnesses  
 To :  
 William L. Smock *with 14/18/07*  
 Grantee : Consideration \$13,200.00

Acknowledged before J. R. Raley, Notary Public, Umatilla County, Oregon

**HARTMAN ABSTRACT COMPANY**  
**LEWIS AND CLARK**  
**PENDLETON, OREGON**

Description: The South Half of the Northwest Quarter and the North Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 8; the South Half of the Northeast Quarter and the North Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 7; the South Half of the South Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 7, Township 3, North Range 36, E.W.M.

Satisfied by No. 0...



**SOIL CONSERVATION WINNERS**—James Smock, Donnel Smock and Timothy, three generations of farmers, stand on one of the earth fill dams on the home place. In the background on the hillside are terraces. (Gottfried)

## Smocks Conservation Men

WESTON — James L. Smock and son Donnel Smock of Weston have been named Conservation men of the year in the East Umatilla Soil and Conservation District. They farm on Reed and Hawley Mountain and have used contour diversion terraces, erosion control dam, contour sub-soiling on stubble in the fall, and grass seeding on land subject to severe erosion. They

plan utilizing these practices with more terraces, check dams and a stubble mulch summer fallow, and hope in the near future to almost completely control erosion on the Smock farm. Wheat, barley and potatoes are main crops on the Smock farm and they also raise stock. The farm has been in the Smock family since April 1906, when J. L. Smock's parents bought

the place and moved there with their family of one son and five daughters. In 1927 Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Smock moved to Weston and since then J. L. Smock has farmed the ranch, and lived there. Donnel Smock has been in the farming operation with his father for several years, and lives in Weston with his wife, three daughters and one son.

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## Smock Family History

### 1<sup>st</sup> Generation

Hendrick M. Smock arrived from The Netherlands to Kings County, New York in 1654.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation

John Smock, Lieutenant Colonel in the Revolutionary War.

### 7<sup>th</sup> Generation

William Lovejoy Smock, born April 14, 1860 in Greenwood, Indiana.  
Left Randolph, Utah summer of 1905 to keep eldest daughter from becoming 4<sup>th</sup> wife of a Mormon. Moved to Wildhorse Mountain ranch fall of 1905. Signed deed to the ranch April 18, 1906.

### 8<sup>th</sup> Generation

James Lovejoy Smock, born Randolph, Utah March 25, 1895.

### 9<sup>th</sup> Generation

Donell J. Smock, born October 17, 1932.

### 10<sup>th</sup> Generation

Timothy Lovejoy Smock, born November 27, 1957.

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William L. Smock moved from Randolph, Utah with wife Hannah, four daughters, and one son to the Wildhorse ranch in the fall of 1905. In 1927 they moved to Weston, Oregon. Hannah died in 1941, and William died in 1945.

James Smock moved to the ranch with wife Atress in 1927. They lived there until James died in 1978. Atress died in 1995.

Donell J. Smock lived on the ranch until 1955 with wife Mary. They moved to Weston in 1955 with three daughters and one son so the children could attend school.

Timothy L. Smock moved to the ranch in 1978, and lives there currently.

Donell Smock farmed the land from 1950 until 1987 when the farm property went into CRP. He now manages the tree farm, and maintains fences and CRP acreage with son Timothy.

Four of the ranch buildings were built 110-120 years ago. Five other buildings, which are the shop, two machine sheds, the hay barn and garage, were built in the 1950's and 1960's.

Between 1920 and 1950, potatoes were an important crop, with 10 to 40 acres planted every year. After harvest, they were put in a pit and covered with dirt. Hard work! Cattle and wheat were both raised every year until 1987. Horses were used until 1966 to cut and rake loose hay, and to plant and cultivate potatoes.

This ranch is on Wildhorse Mountain, touching all three forks of Wildhorse Creek at 3,000 feet elevation.

## Crop History

James L. Smock was one of the earliest farmers to raise dry peas. They were raised from the early 1930s to late 1940s. Green peas were raised from 1940 to 1979. In the 1940s pea ground was leased out. At 3000 feet elevation, the green pea crops were not always good. James raised some grass seed in the late 1930s and early 1940s, planting five to ten acres. In addition, a lot of barley was raised. This was a dry-land ranch, so unless it was raining, water was always in short supply.

James Smock milked five to ten cows from 1920 to 1960. He sold cream to the Ideal Creamery in Portland, Oregon. Every week we took a five-gallon can of cream to the train depot in Weston. During the depression this income bought coffee and sugar. James also raised hogs, chickens, a big garden, and fruit trees, so nobody went hungry during the depression years. Many times potatoes were traded for food staples.

Over the years, some logging has been done on the ranch, mainly to supplement the income when money was short.



WILLIAM L. SMOCK

ABOUT 1918

Harvest at Smock ranch 1920



América  
Harvest





DONELL J. SMOCK  
1950

Donell

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JAMES L SMOCK

ABOUT 1918



ORIGINAL LOG HOUSE & LOG  
WOODSHED (HOUSE HAS BEEN  
SIDED)

03/06 PHOTO



ORIGINAL TOOL SHED

3/06 PHOTO



NEW TREES ON C.R.P.



ORIGINAL BARN. WING BUILT  
ON RIGHT ABOUT 1945 TO MILK  
COWS IN

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