

CFR 1137

Glen Ek

Century Farm & Ranch Program Application

Date 4-2-2009

Type of designation (please check) Century Farm Century Ranch

Legal owner's name Glen L. EK

(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 CLACKAMAS Location of farm or ranch (distance from nearest town) 2 miles from West Linn, Or

Township 2 south Range 1 East Section 28

original lots # 28, 29 #32 of Tualatin meadows

Original family owner(s) or founder(s) AUGUST EK, Axel EK

Date (year) this farm or ranch was acquired by founder(s) 1908
(Attach verifying documentation. See Application Qualification #7)

Founder(s) came to Oregon from SWEDEN

Who farms or ranches the land today? GLEN EK & his wife Rose, kids, grandkids

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 egg room + milk storage building, about 9x6 cement, partially underground.

History of crops or livestock raised on farm or ranch (use additional pages, as needed) pigs, cows, sheep, chickens, clover hay, grass hay, straw, wheat, oats, potatoes, holly, eggs

How many generations live on the farm or ranch today? 1 family (Glen & Rose EK) 3rd generation
Please list names and birth years Glen L. EK 2-13-36, Rose E. EK 7-26-41

[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, Glen L. EK,
hereby affirm and declare that the farm or ranch which I own at Redacted for Privacy
Redacted for Privacy, in the County of Clackamas

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.

Glen L EK 4-1-09
Signature of Owner Date

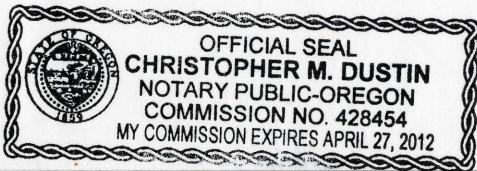
Certification by Notary Public

State of Oregon
County of (Clackamas)

Be it remembered, that on this 2nd day of April, 2009, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said county and state, personally appeared the within named Glen EK, known to me to be the identical individual described in and who executed the within instrument and acknowledged to me that Glen EK 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.

Christopher M. Dustin
Notary Public for Oregon



Notary Public for Oregon

My Commission Expires 4/27/2012

Fees

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

Make checks payable to:
Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation or OAEF

For office use only

Date Received _____

Approved? Yes No

Authorization GM
Century Farm & Ranch Program Coordinator
OHS Library

MSS 1604 Program ID No. CFR1137

EK POULTRY BREEDING FARM

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The Ek Poultry Breeding Farm was started by August Ek in the early 1900's in the "West Linn" area south of Portland, Oregon. He came to the United States from Sweden to join his brother Axel Ek in 1903. The brothers were not alone in the community of "West Linn" and Portland during those times due to family relatives, the Estberg's, and numerous friends that had already settled in the area. Like many people in the Portland area in those days, the two brothers worked in the steel mills in the Portland area as well did some logging for income and a livelihood.

The farm was established in 1909 by both Axel and August even though they both had "claimed and resided" there about two years prior. The initial farming included potatoes, pigs, a horse, and logging. The land was so heavily wooded that it required traveling up hill about a mile to bask in any significant sunshine. Potatoes became a lucrative source of income for the brothers, and gave the ambitious August money to continue to log and build. There is even a story within the family which recognizes August's drive in that he moved Axel's "shack of a house" on runners closer to where the farm house is now, to be closer to a dependable water supply in an effort to develop the farm. August's success eventually led to egg and milk production. The original egg room and milk storage facility still stands on the farm today.

Prior to the farm being established, August married Signe in 1908. They came to run a small boarding home for children of wealthier Portland families of Swedish descent. The boards would work the land with the animals for days to a weeks at a time. The wealthier families paid well for their children to stay on the farm August and Signe.

In 1912, August and Signe gave birth to Ewald. Ewald's business savvy was recognized at a young age when he encouraged his father August consider raising

chickens as their neighbors, the Schaber's, were doing. August purchased the entire Schaber operation of roosters, hens, incubators, as well as their customers. August built the first chicken house while Ewald incubated the eggs in the basement of the house he was born in. All the eggs were incubated and turned by hand every few hours. Kerosene was used for all lighting and heat.

Profits continued and land was leased next to the farm, which eventually became part of the farm today. Pigs, cows, and hay crops were raised and continued the profitability of the farm enterprise and the success of the business.

Ewald married Esther Austin and promised her he was not a farmer, but a businessman. Ewald and Esther had two sons. Glen in 1936 and Norman in 1939. Their daughter, Karyn was born in 1951. Norman died at a young age leaving Ewald and Esther with much grief and sadness. In mist of their loss, Ewald chose to work harder and became a member of the Pacific Poultry Association, Nulade Co-op, and Oregon Egg Producers Association. Ewald was also a buyer of real estate and financer for family and friends. At one point, the farm raised over 40,000 chickens, had custom hatching facilities to accommodate the farm's stock, as well as other's like Belozzer's (Foster Farms), and the State of Oregon. Cases of high output hatching eggs were shipped to California to the Irvine and Redwing Hatcheries and up to Winlock in Washington State. Holly trees were planted by the acre and still produce today. Wheat, oats, clover, and sheep up to 125 head were produced and shipped to market.

Glen worked on the farm his entire life. He also worked as a forklift driver for Peerless Truck and Trailer and Gunderson Railcars. Glen met Rose Bay while she worked as a waitress at the once famous West Linn Inn and married in 1960. Rose proved herself

to be hard worker and put countless hours into the farm candling eggs, working in the hatchery as well as delivering the farm's products. The farm was a family effort with Ewald's children, Glen and Karyn, along with Rose striving to continue the success of family business under the guidance of Ewald. Ek Farm eggs were stable for the Golden Age Nursing Home in Oregon City, Ted and Bob's (Tebo's) in Gladstone, Food Front and Nature' Food Front and Nature's Health Food Stores, the West Linn School District, Wizer's Foods in Lake Oswego, the West Linn Inn, and Lowries and the Silver Leaf Inn in Wilsonville. In 1975, Glen and Rose took over the farm from Ewald.

Glen and Rose had three children, Pauline, Byron, and Denise. Karyn married Randy Schultz, who became a successful businessman in his own right by developing and owning what has become West Coast Glass Company. Karyn and Randy had three children, Marquie, Heidi, and Kara. Glen and Rose encouraged their children to be involved in the family farm by working before and after school and active in the farm's development. The farm continues to produce holly, hay, chickens, beef cows, and eggs to this day.

The development of Interstate 205 (I-205) had a major impact on the Ek farm. I-205 divided the farm in the early 1970's. But not without a fight from Ewald and a compromise favorable to his farm. Today, Ewald and Esther have passed away, 1989 and 2008 respectively. Glen and Rose still have the Ek Poultry Breeding Farm sign on the property on Ek Road. The farm continues to be fully operational since 1909. Included are articles, photos, and facts in most recently published book "Images of America, West Linn".

COPY OF ORIGINAL DEED

Know all Men by these Presents, That THE OREGON IRON & STEEL

COMPANY, a corporation duly organized and operating under the laws of the State of Oregon, for and in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) and other valuable considerations

to it paid by Gust Ek, of Portland, Oregon, has bargained and sold, and by these presents does grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said Gust Ek, his

heirs and assigns, all the following bounded and described real property, situated in the County of Clackamas and State of Oregon:

Lots numbered twenty-eight (28) and twenty-nine (29) of Tualatin Meadows as shown on the duly recorded map or plat of Tualatin Meadows as recorded in the office of the Recorder of Conveyances, County of Clackamas, State of Oregon.

Said lots contain ten and 15/100 (10.15) acres, more or less.

Saving, reserving and excepting, however, the rights of the public in and to all legal roads and county roads as located, existing or passing through, over or across said property.

Together with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, and also all its estate, right, title and interest in and to the same.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, the above described and granted premises unto the said Gust Ek, his

heirs and assigns forever. And THE OREGON IRON & STEEL COMPANY, grantor above named, doth covenant to and with Gust Ek,

the above named grantee his heirs and assigns, that the above granted premises are free from all incumbrances, made, executed or suffered by said grantor, and that it will and 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, The said OREGON IRON & STEEL COMPANY, by resolution of its Board of Directors, has duly caused these presents to be executed by its Vice-President and Secretary and its corporate seal to be affixed this 13th day of April, 1909. A. D., 189

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of

Handwritten signatures: S. Eady and C. Woodworth

THE OREGON IRON & STEEL COMPANY,

By Chas. E. Eddy Vice-President



THE OREGON IRON & STEEL COMPANY,

By [Signature] Secretary



To have and to hold the said premises with the appurtenances unto the said John Stites, his heirs and assigns forever, and the said grantor does hereby covenant to and with the said John Stites, his heirs and assigns, that it is the owner in fee simple of said premises, that they are free from all incumbrances, and that it will warrant and defend the same from all lawful claims whatsoever.

In Witness Whereof, the said The Land Company of Oregon, has caused its corporate name to be hereunto subscribed and these presents to be executed by its President, attested by its Secretary, and its corporate seal to be hereunto affixed this 14th day of April, 1909.

In the presence of:)
Ermine Hubbard)
P. A. Grimes)
The Land Company of Oregon.
By W. H. Hurlburt, President.
Attest C. K. Williams,
Secretary.
(Seal of L. Co. of Oregon)

State of Oregon,)
County of Clackamas } ss.

On this 14th day of April 1909, before me appeared W. H. Hurlburt and C. K. Williams, to me personally known and being duly sworn, did each for himself say that he, the said W. H. Hurlburt is the President, and he, the said C. K. Williams is the Secretary, respectively, of The Land Company of Oregon, and that the seal affixed to the foregoing instrument is the corporate seal of said corporation, and that the within instrument was signed and sealed on behalf of said corporation, by authority of its Board of Directors, and said W. H. Hurlburt, and said C. K. Williams, each acknowledged the said instrument to be the free act and deed of said corporation.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, this the day and year first above written.

(Seal of Notary) F. B. Pratt,
Notary Public for Oregon.

Filed and Recorded April 15th. 1909, at 8:00 A. M.

E. B. Ramsey
County Recorder.

Know all Men by these Presents, That The Oregon Iron & Steel Company, a corporation duly organized and operating under the laws of the State of Oregon, for and in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) and other valuable considerations to it paid by Gust Ek, of Portland, Oregon, has bargained and sold, and by these presents does grant, bargain, sell and convey unto said Gust Ek, his heirs and assigns, all the following bounded and described real property, situated in the County of Clackamas and State of Oregon.

Lots numbered twenty-eight (28) and twenty-nine (29) of Tualatin Meadows as shown on the duly recorded map or plat of Tualatin Meadows as recorded in the office of the Recorder of Conveyances, County of Clackamas, State of Oregon.

Said Lots contain ten and 15/100 (10.15) acres, more or less.

Saving, reserving and excepting, however, the rights of the public in and to all legal roads and County roads as located, existing or passing through, over or across said property.

Together with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, and also all its estate, right, title and interest in and to the same.

COPY FROM CLACKAMAS COUNTY RECORDS

Oregon City, Oregon, Oct. 16th, 1909.

This Certifies, That on careful examination of the attached contract we find that in writing the same there was a little error in the wording of the same, and the real intention of the contract as to the amounts to be paid on interest and principal called for by the contract each year was as follows:

That from the gross sales from the proceeds of said farm and increase of said stock W. C. Paine was to pay first the interest as called for therein, and any excess of one-half of the sales left after paying the interest as called for herein was to be applied upon the principal sum; and, if one half of the gross sales from the proceeds of said farm and the increase of said stock was not sufficient to pay the said 6% interest, that then the second party, W. C. Paine, must pay, in addition to said one-half, enough to liquidate the said interest annually, and this contract should be, and is, hereby corrected so as to cover said discrepancy.

Signed in duplicate this, the day above written.

In the presence of

D. C. Latourette)
J. M. Charman)

W. W. Myers
W. C. Paine

State of Oregon,)
County of Clackamas.) ss.

This Certifies, that on this 15th day of November, 1908, before me the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for Oregon, personally appeared the within named W. W. Myers & Family Myers who is known to me to be the identical persons described in and who executed the foregoing contract, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same freely and voluntarily for the uses and purposes therein named.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and Notarial seal the day and year last above written.

(Seal of Notary)

C. D. Latourette,
Notary Public for Oregon.

Filed and Recorded October 27th, 1910 at 3:00 P. M.

C. E. Ramsby, County Recorder.
By: *Le Buchegger* Deputy.

Know all men by these Presents That The Oregon Iron & Steel Company, a corporation duly incorporated and existing under the laws of the State of Oregon, for and in consideration of the sum of Ten (10) Dollars and other valuable considerations Dollars to it paid by Axel Ek, of Portland, Oregon, has bargained and sold, and by these presents does grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said Axel Ek, his heirs and assigns, all the following bounded and described real property, situated in the County of Clackamas and State of Oregon, to-wit:

Lot numbered thirty-two of Tualatin Meadows, as shown on the duly recorded map or plat of Tualatin Meadows as recorded in the office of the Recorder of Conveyances, County of Clackamas, State of Oregon.

EWALD ON THE FARM



1920

Pigs w/ Ewald Ek with August in background



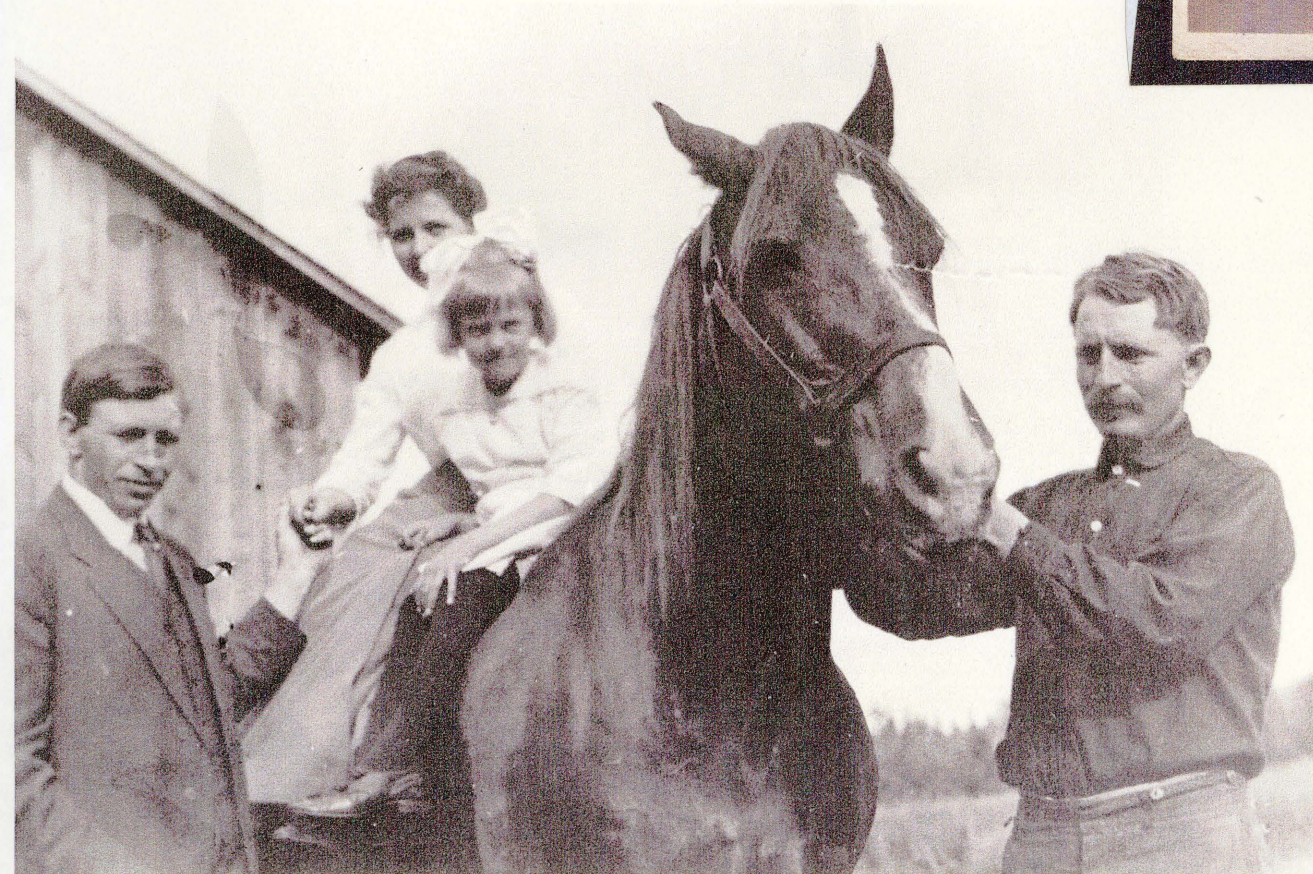
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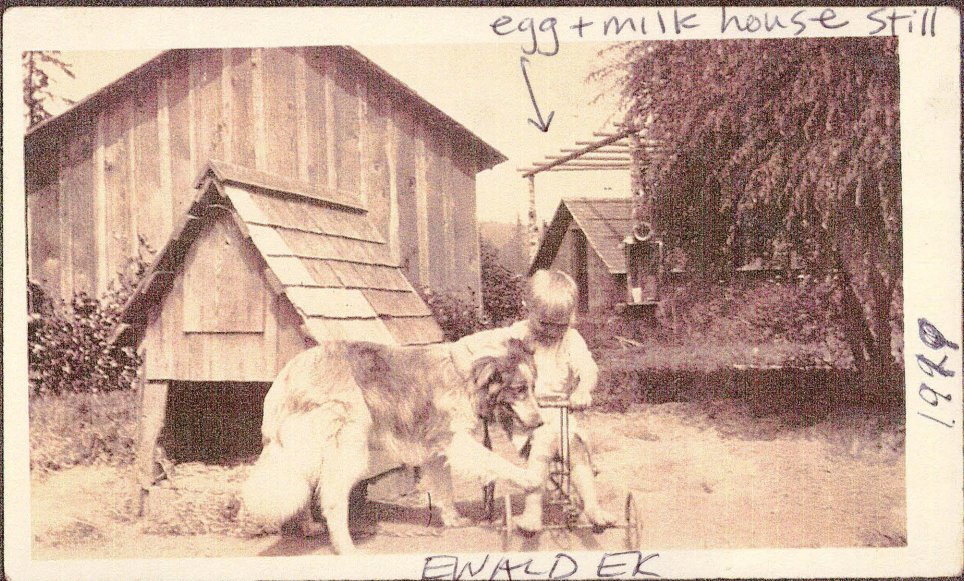
Swedish boarding children with
August and Signe



Axel and August EK and friend

1910





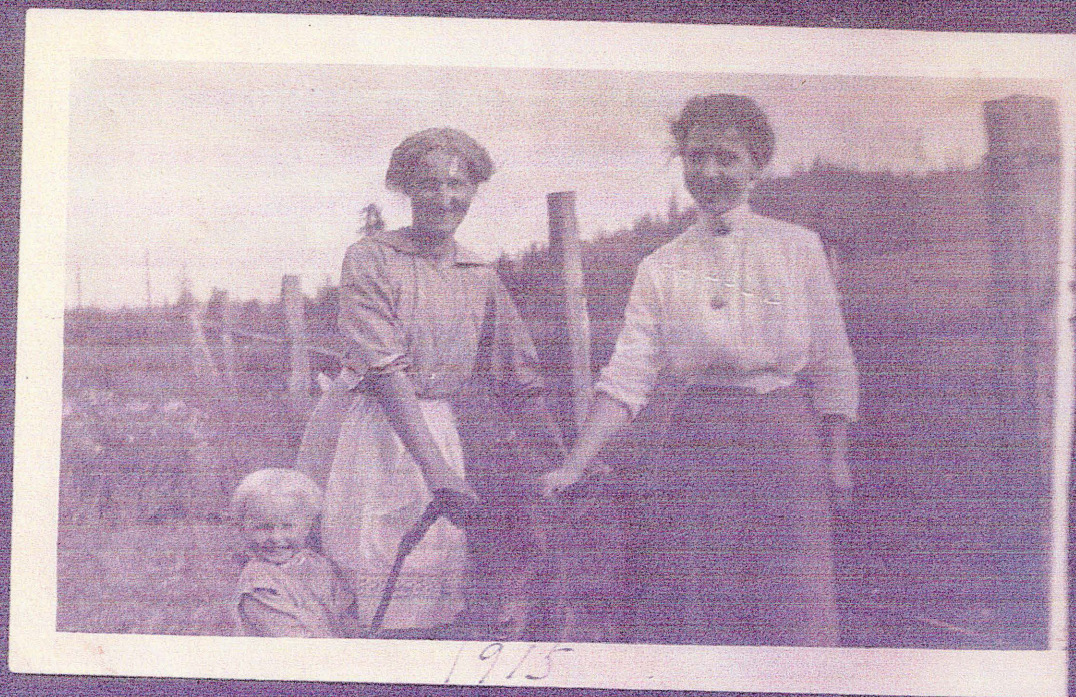
egg + milk house still



standing today

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EWALD EK



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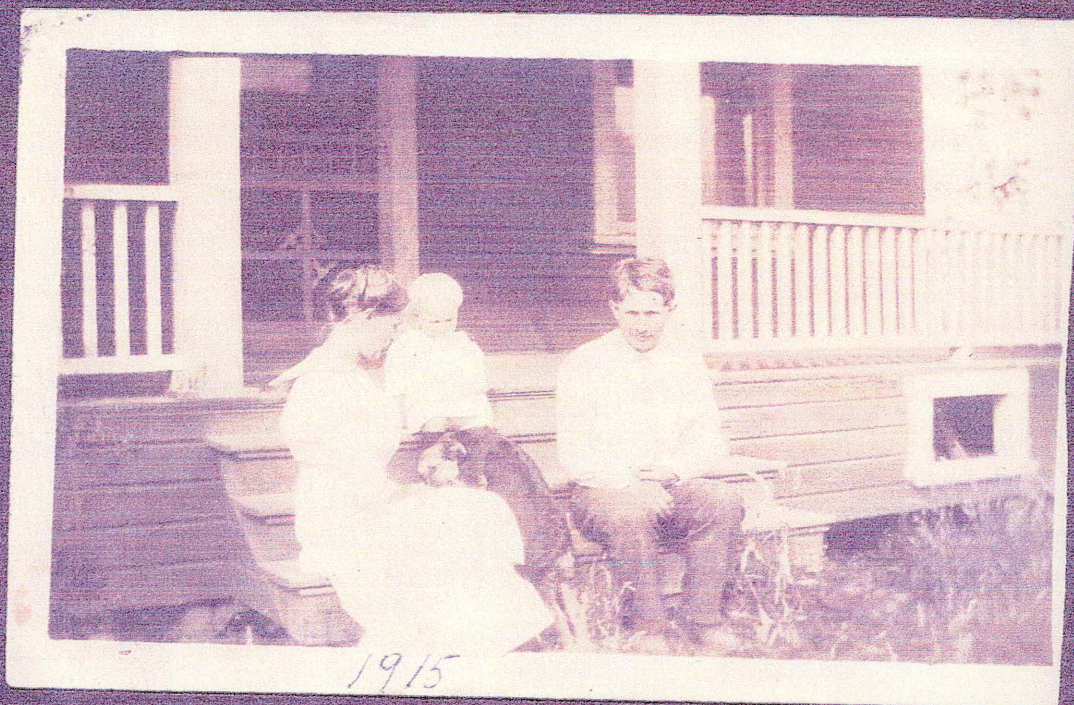
Sigge, Agnes, Ewald with
Naisy the Calf on Ek farm



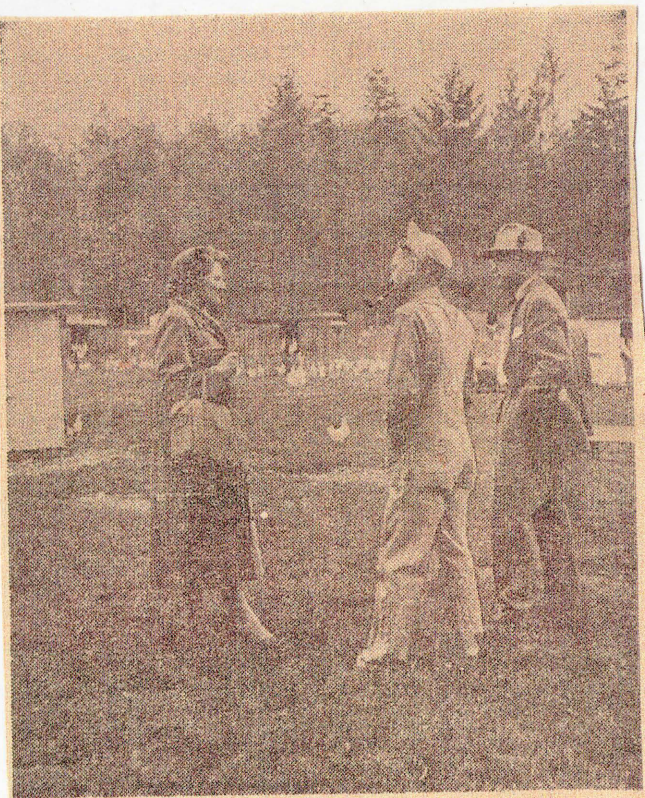
Sheep and chicken
houses



inside a chicken house room
300 Hens + 35-50 Roosters
in each room



Signe, Ewald, Gus Ek
at the farm house
on EK Farm



European visitors acquire poultry data
from Inskip and owner Ewald Ek.

chickens on the
range



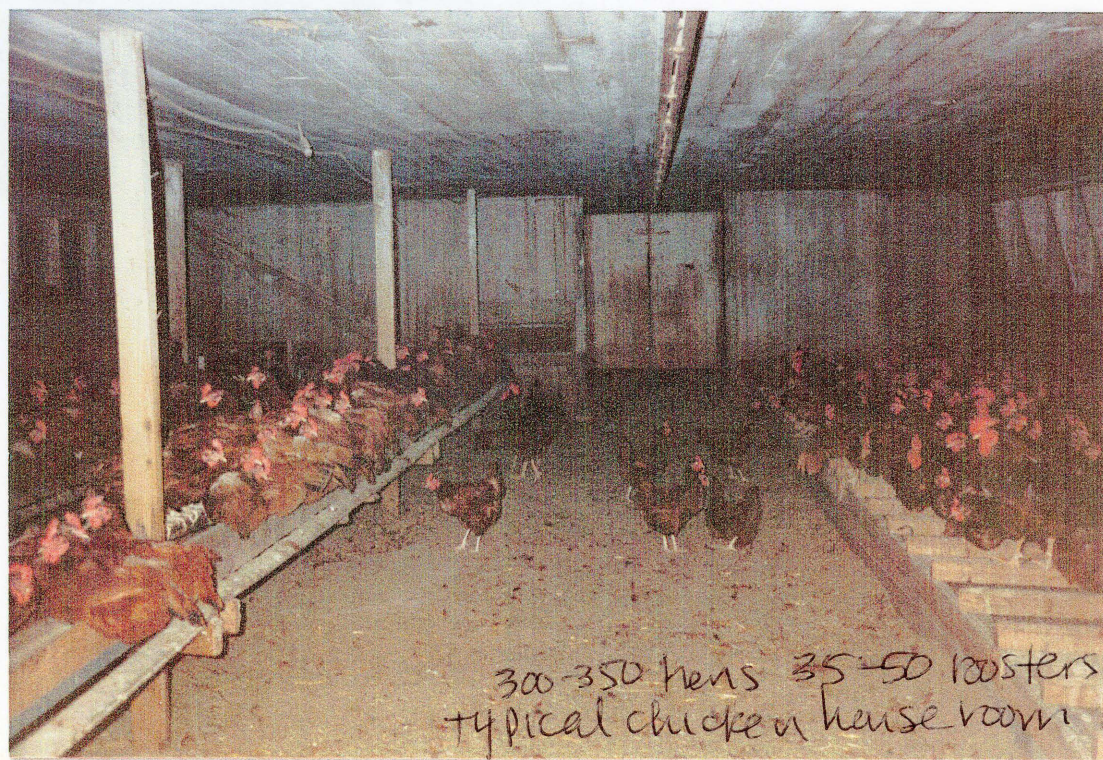
sheep and 5 room long
chicken house 190 ft. long



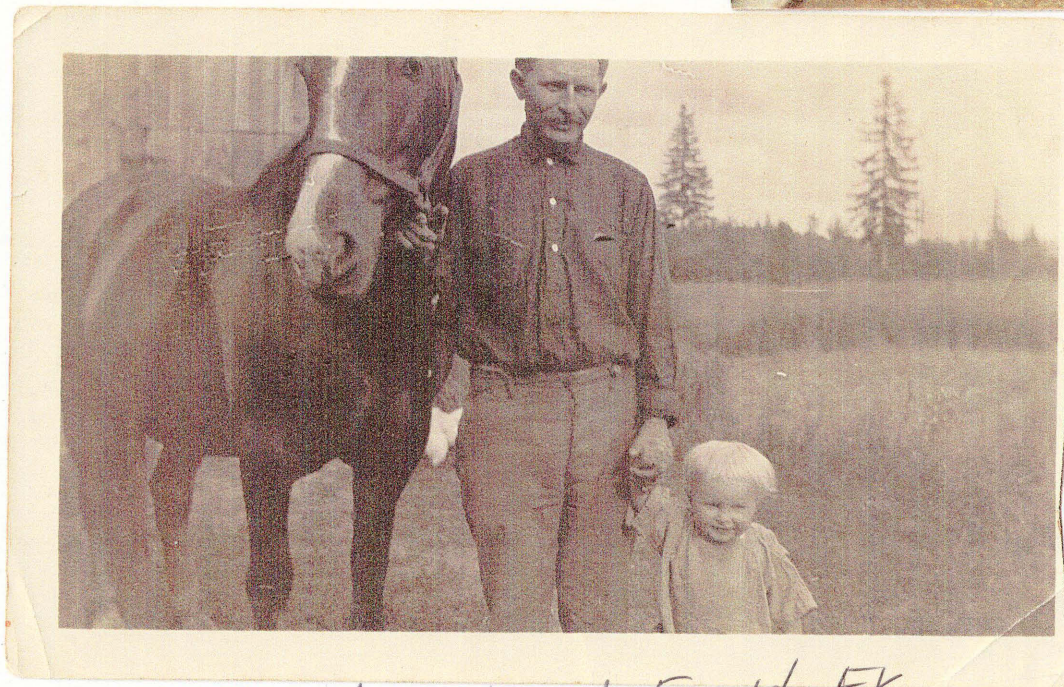
Sheep and chickens
on the range



Esther and grandson Byron EK



300-350 hens 35-50 roosters
typical chicken house room



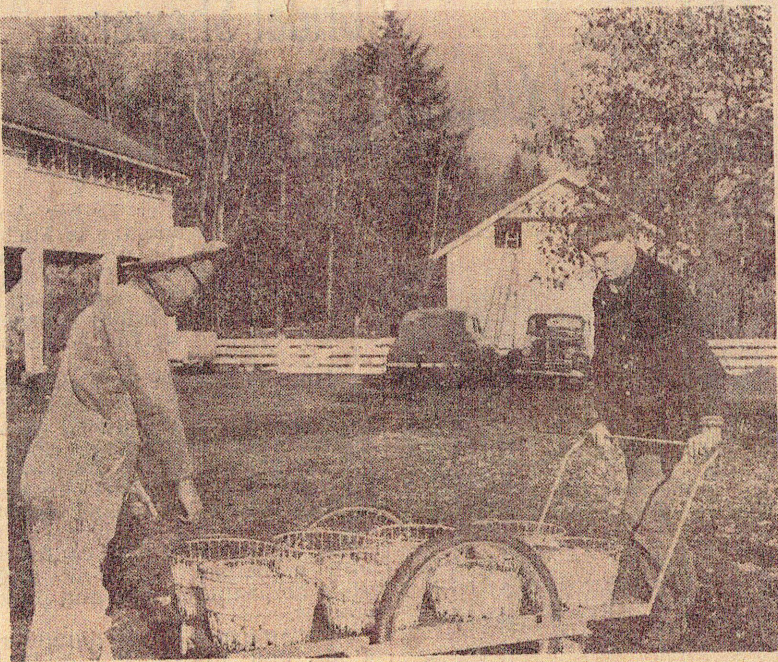
August and Ewald EK

above
3
chicken
house
rooms
Shop
below



Esther and Ewald EK

bigger production egg room



BREAKFAST TIME—Ewalk Ek (right) owner of Ek poultry farm West of Willamette helps worker transport eggs from chicken house to process building. Ek has created a year-around market for his eggs and baby chicks. He ships them nation-wide and from it derives a good living for his family. (Mr. Pix 100465).

Word of Cheer

HARRY TAYLOR

Pullets Need Space to Grow

Adequate floor space is one of the more important requirements for successful confinement rearing of pullets. Pullets need plenty of space to eat and



Two European visitors, Abella Havager of Norway and Mira Kevacic of Yugoslavia learn of Ewald Ek's alta fescue from Inskeep.

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From local Farming papers
like the Journal
and Courier

The Eks: deep roots, big family

It is a short, narrow stretch of pavement with a name to match. But the roots of Ek Road and of the family it was named after reach deeply into the Stafford-area countryside, where three generations descended from Swedish immigrants follow the Ek tradition of growing crops, raising poultry and living within a stone's throw of each other.

Save for the dull roar echoing from Interstate 205 nearby and the addition of some new homes, the peaceful little road connecting Stafford and Borland roads has not changed much since Ewald Ek's father arrived there from Sweden in 1904. Ewald himself, along with his wife Esther, still resides in the two-story house where he was born 72 years ago.

The "extended family" concept also continues to thrive among the Eks, albeit in an updated form. Rather than reside under one roof, family members occupy four houses along the road that bears the family name.

Across the road from Ewald and Esther's 65-acre farm are their son Glen; his Molalla-raised wife, Rose; and their 17-year-old son, Byron, who occupy another 26-acre parcel of land that has been in the family since the turn of the century.

The elder Eks' daughter, Karen Schultz, lives farther down on 10 acres of land. In another house are Glen and Rose's 22-year-old daughter and their son-in-law, Pauline and Dave Kampfen. Except for their other daughter, Denise, 19, who resides in Portland, that includes just about all of the living descendants of Ewald and Esther Ek in the same neighborhood.

Which is not that unusual, considering the strong ties to family and land that are part of the Eks' heritage.

"Foreign-born people are attached to their land. In Europe they can't always own property, and in the United States they can," said Ewald, the family's quiet

patriarch with the warm smile.

His wife summed it up more quickly. "It's the way you're brought up," said Esther, a Nebraska native who moved to Oregon at age 5 and grew up in Lake Grove and other Portland-area communities.

She and Ewald have lived on Ek Road for 47 of their 50½ years of marriage. They spent the first three years over on Borland Road before returning to farm where Ewald was born.

The house, now many times remodeled stands on the original 10-acre farm that Ewald's parents started. His father, upon arriving in the area, first stayed with an aunt and uncle who had the property that Glen and Rose now occupy.

Like their forefathers, the present Eks continue to grow grain and raise chickens, the latter supervised by Glen and Rose. Ek Poultry Farm, based at Ewald and Esther's home, is one of the few independent farms left in Oregon that sells brown fertile eggs. Most are shipped to California and the rest delivered to health food stores in the metro area.

"There seems to be more demand now for brown fertile eggs. People are more health-conscious," said Rose, who has taken charge of the poultry. Assisted by her son-in-law, who gathers the eggs, she sorts and prepares them for delivery.

But the family's egg business may not be around forever, according to Rose. With her husband working a full-time job at a trailer construction firm in Tualatin and all three of her children holding down other jobs, it is becoming too much for her to handle.

"I'd rather raise fryers," said Rose, referring to the 1,000 or so fryer chickens that she sells every year. The number of laying hens populating the coops on her in-laws' property has been reduced to less than 3,000, and Rose said she eventually would like to phase them out altogether.

"The kids aren't really interested in farming," she added.

Not that the family plans to pull up stakes and move out. Although it is hard to say whether the younger Eks will stick around, the elder ones expressed contentment about remaining on the family homestead.

"I think we'll stay here," Rose said as her mother-in-law echoed the same feeling.

"Sometimes I would like to go where it's warmer, and we have done that for vacations," Esther said. "But it's a good life."

W.L. Tidings March 1, 1984



THE EKS — (from left) Glen, Rose, Esther and Ewald. (Photo by Janis Miglavs)

West Linn Tidings Newspaper
1984

Hen At Stafford Violates Controls

There is a hen out on the Ewald Ek Poultry Farm in the Stafford district that would be in trouble with the crop control officials if they ever could find her among the 10,000 to 15,000 birds on the ranch.

She apparently is doubling up on production, notwithstanding the effort to hold down surpluses.

Working at the poultry ranch the other day, Mrs. Herbert Keller found an egg much larger than ordinary—about five inches in diameter. It was not an egg. It was two eggs. The outer shell contained the yolk and the white normally found in eggs, but in addition there was another egg within the outer shell. It was of approximately normal size and was normal in all other features including its own shell, yolk and white. It was considered a rarity by people who handle thousands of eggs every week.



• STAFFORD (Special) — Ewald Ek, well-known Clackamas county poultryman, has been re-elected to presidency of the Oregon Egg Producers cooperative. This will be Ek's second term in office. Over 250 members attended the meeting in Portland late last week. (Customer Photo)

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Harvest Of Holly Under Way

OREGON CITY — Harvesting of holly and Christmas trees is under way in Clackamas County.

Some 350,000 pounds of cut holly are harvested in Clackamas County each year, according to Afton Zundel, county agent, who calls the growing of holly both an art and a science.

GROWERS are having leaf analysis made of plantings to determine proper fertilization, which formerly was based on soil tests. This leaf analysis is conducted in cooperation with the extension service at Oregon State University.

Holly marketing is a highly specialized operation with growers learning to develop markets, deliver high quality uniform items over the years.

LARGE GROWERS in Clackamas County are Ambrose Brownell of Milwaukie; Ray Leach, Aurora; Vern Casebeer, Lake Grove, and Ewald Ek of Stafford. There are some 100 tons of evergreen boughs shipped into Southern California each year.

Christmas tree plantations cover some 500 acres in Clackamas County and more are planted each year. This year, for the first time, large quantities of cultured plantation Douglas fir are being harvested.

The growers of these trees expect a higher return than from timber areas, with retailers making increased profits and consumers getting better trees. Many Christmas tree lots will be featuring these Douglas firs this year.

Ek Re-elected As Co-op Head

Ewald Ek, West Linn poultryman, was re-elected to a second one-year term as president of the Oregon Egg Producers, at their annual meeting in Portland on Tuesday, May 19th.

Other 1953 officers of the statewide producer marketing and purchasing cooperative are J. Clifford Hess, Roseburg, first vice-president; Fred Petersen, Junction City, second vice-president; W. W. Abraham, Shedd, secretary-treasurer.

Elections for seven of the thirteen positions on the board of directors were also held this year. Elected to their first two-year terms were Harlan Christensen, McMinnville and Dunbar Carpenter, Medford. Re-elected as directors were Howard Hughes, Hillsboro; D. L. St. John, Gervais; Lewis Berntzen, Eugene and Hess and Petersen.

This was the 33rd annual membership meeting to be held by the Oregon Egg Producers. Founded in 1920, the cooperative now has 16 plants and branch stations serving 5,000 members in western Oregon. H. R. Rohe, general manager, announced that in 1952, the dollar business volume reached an all time high of \$10,000,000. Patronage savings of \$600,000 were returned to members of the Association. This brings the total of savings returned to members in the past ten years to over \$5,000,000. Assets of the association now total more than \$3,000,000.

Washington, D. C.—(IFAP)—Reports indicate United States is considering storing grain aboard ships because other storage facilities are unavailable. The ships may be used if the government takes ownership of a large amount of 1952 crop grain now under loan. Ships were used for storage in 1949 when other storage facilities were fully taxed.

NORTHWEST FARMING



DOZENS OF DOZENS—More and more eggs pour into plant of Pacific Co-operative Poultry Producers association in Portland as Ewald Ek (left) of West Linn, one of group's directors, checks some of product with Harry Rohe of Portland, association manager. Many Oregon poultry leaders opine that forthcoming halt to poultry support may prove beneficial to cause of Pacific Northwest producers, as Rohe tells in accompanying article.

local paper article



MRS. GLEN EK holds the Easter Bunny for students of Comte Kinder College at annual party at Ek egg farm near Wankers Corner. Review photo 157d



DRESSED FOR ANY EVENTUALITY, young man concentrates on most important aspect of recent Easter party for kindergartners at the Ek egg farm. - Review photo

Kindergarten Students Get Easter Pilgrimage To Historic Ek Farm

The Ek Egg Farm south of Wankers Corner hosted some 75 brothers, sisters, mothers, and teachers of Comte Kinder College who made their

annual Easter pilgrimage to the farm last Friday.

Awaiting them were 6000 Rhode Island Red laying hens who each day contribute about 6000 fresh laid eggs for neighboring breakfast tables. To keep the hens healthy and mentally sound, emotionally secure, the Eks keep roosters with them. Their crowing filled any silent moments the children didn't.

There were cows with calves and ewes with lambs to delight the children. Most cooperative farm yard denizen was the great big rabbit. Mrs. Glen Ek held that monstrous rabbit -- two front paws in one hand -- two back legs in the other. That bunny laid back his ears, closed his mouth tightly and let the children pet him-- dozens of little hands at a time.

A central square in the old farm place served as the set-

ting for the Easter program. The students in bunny masks made from super sized paper sacks adorned with floppy ears and a bewitching cotton tail, hid many a lively youngster during the program. A huge colored basket held the tiny two and three year olds while the older children danced in a circle around the swarming basketful.

Puppets that looked like raindrops danced in felt water puddles while blue pompoms rustled in the spring sunshine to sound like rain falling while the children sang "Rain, Rain Go Away."

Mrs. Glen Ek who helps with the poultry farm and her four year old son Bryon were the guides for the morning's festivities.

After the grand tour, there were cookies and cool drinks for everyone in the "square."

Kimiko Okada, a talented Marylhurst College senior provided guitar music.

Gospel Music

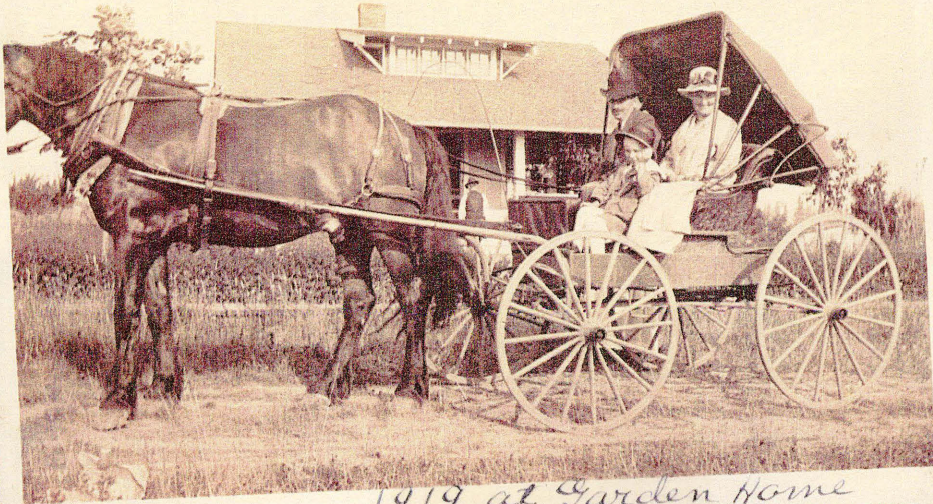
The Calvary Baptist Church on Old River Road, West Linn, will present Nila Pilger of Norwood Bible Church at an hour of gospel music Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m.

Mrs. Pilger, a chalk artist, will sketch portraits while the Calvary Quartet tells the story of Christ in song.

There is no admission to the afternoon service. A nursery for children three years old and younger will be provided.



August, Signe and Ewald visiting
in their buggy



1919 at Garden Home

Family photo of
horse + buggy



WHEN EWALD EK was a year old, his
father planted a stripling Royal Anne
Cherry Tree--now about 60 years old. The

children of Comte Kinder College raced
beneath it at their annual Easter visit to the
Ek egg farm last Friday. Review photo 154

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