

CFR 1171

Robert & Christy Flowers

A program of the Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation

Oregon Century Farm & Ranch Program Application

Date 3-23-11

Type of designation (please check)

Century Farm

Century Ranch

Legal owner / Applicant name Robert & Christy Flowers

Mailing address of Legal Owner / Applicant Redacted for Privacy

Redacted for Privacy E-mail address Redacted for Privacy

Contact name (if different than legal owner) Christy

Mailing address of contact _____

Contact telephone _____ Contact E-mail address _____

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

County Klamath

Distance 2 miles north from nearest town Worden

Township 40 Range 8E Section 14, 15, 16 & 22

Address or physical location of the farm or ranch (which is subject of this application):
Redacted for Privacy

GPS (Global Positioning System) Coordinates, if known: _____

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Founder(s):

Original family owner(s) or founder(s) Francis J. Flowers - grandfather

Date (year) this farm or ranch was acquired by founder(s) approx. 1890 - 1911 per deed
(Attach verifying documentation. See Application Qualification #7)
attach

Who farms or ranches the land today? Robert, Christy, Jason & Larry Flowers

Relationship of applicant to original owner. Please explain lineage. (See Application Qualification #7)
great grandson + wife + great-grandsons

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:

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?
dairy cattle + hay eventually small grains + potatoes

How many acres were included in original farm or ranch?

How did the crops / livestock / use of farm or ranch change over the years?
*went from dairy to hay to alfalfa, small grains, + potatoes
and beef cows*

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History of crops or livestock raised on farm or ranch – Cont'd:

What are crops / livestock raised on the subject farm or ranch today?

alfalfa , beef cows , grass hay + potatoes

How many acres does the subject farm or ranch include today? 278 + plus Flowers Brothers Inc
has approx. 1400 more which we are major stock holders

How many acres are in agricultural use today?

all of it

The Family:

How many generations live on the farm or ranch today? 2

Please list names and birth years:

Robert	1954
Christy	1958
Jason	1983
Larry	1986

Please submit two or three pages of family history narrative, including, but not limited to generational transfers of the farm or ranch. Please also submit historical & current photos of the property & family, if available. Digital format photos (at highest resolution [300 dpi]) are particularly desirable, so that they may be used in publications, the CF&R Program Database or the web site. Submitted information, including photos, will be deposited in the OHS Library for future reference.

Type of information to include in your family history narrative:

- Where founder(s) may have moved to farm or ranch from
- Significant events in the family (births, deaths, marriages, etc)
- Any major changes to operations (methods of production, etc.)
- Additional information on crops, buildings, other changes from the original farm or ranch

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Statement of Affirmation

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

Robert Flowers
Signature of Owner

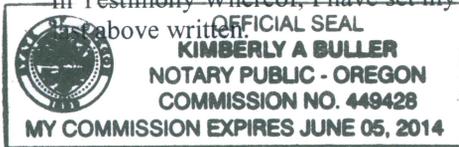
5-27-11
Date

Certification by Notary Public

State of Oregon
County of Klamath

Be it remembered, that on this 27 day of May, 2011, before me, the
undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said county and state, personally appeared the within named
Robert Flowers, known to me to be the identical individual described in and who
executed the within instrument and acknowledged to me that Robert Flowers executed
the same freely and voluntarily.

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



Kimberly A Buller

Notary Public for Oregon
My Commission Expires 6/5/14

Fees

Application Fee
(includes one certificate) \$ 65.00
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 _____

Approved? Yes No

Authorization _____
Oregon Century Farm & Ranch Program Coordinator
OHS Library

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In the late 1890s my fathers grandfather, who was a dairy farmer in Ferndale, California, and a friend came to the Klamath Falls area to look at some land that could be farmed some what like the land the farmed in Ferndale. The land was overflow irrigated, meaning in late winter and early spring the river would rise and flood part of the land. It would then slowly recede in late spring or early summer allowing it to be hayed and grazed by the cows. As their background was in dairy it seemed a good opportunity, so they purchased approximately 1000 acres in approximately 1903.

In 1917 they built a dairy and pastured and hayed the natural grass. They even had to ferry hay across the Klamath Straights, which was large enough to support a steamboat business, that went from Keno to Klamath Falls to Lairds Landing, a distance of over 30 miles.

Also in 1905 the Bureau of Reclamation rented part of the present ranch to see if they controlled the water, what crops could be grown.

While grandson, James Flowers was serving in the Army on Iwoa Jima in WWII the Bureau of Reclamation decided to change the Klamath Straights and in the process the dairy was destroyed. This has always been a sour note, as the circumstances surrounding the process, was not handled well by the Bureau or Reclamation.

The ranch stayed the same till James Flowers returned from WWII and began to purchase additional land, eventually purchasing several adjoining ranches and properties. He eventually was joined with his brothers, Francis and George and farmed the ranch as Flowers Brothers Incorporated.

The next change came in 1979, when James's youngest son, Bob and his wife, Christy, approached the brothers to purchase some of the farm. In the end, all three of James's children, Bob, James, and Dorothy purchased some of the ranch.

Today only Bob and Christy own the land as James health forced him to return his to the brothers and Dorothy sold her portion to someone outside the family.

As of 2011, Bob and Christy still farm part of the original land and have purchased the majority shares of Flowers Brothers Incorporated, so most of the ranch is intact. Bob and Christy's two sons Jason, 28 and Larry, 25 are now into farming and on track for at least one of them to take over and keep the farm going for another generation.

We have went from flood irrigating to pivots and drip irrigation. We are now trying crops that are not normally grown here, such as sweet corn and orchards.

There's more information on us in the Klamath Echos.

William Belloni
William Belloni

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C.C. Low, Sheriff ;
to Sheriff's Deed on Execution
William Belloni ;

This Indenture, Made the 13th day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifteen between C.C. Low Sheriff of the County of Klamath State of Oregon of the party of the first part, and William Belloni of Fernale, California the party of the second part.

Witnesseth, that, whereas, by virtue of a Writ of Execution issued out of and under the seal of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the said County of Klamath, and dated the 14th day of June A.D. 1911, upon a judgment recovered in the said Court on the 29th day of May, 1911, in favor of William Belloni, Plaintiff, and against Abel Ady and Leona C. Ady, his wife; Clarie A. Howie; Carlton E. Howie and Amy L. Howie, his wife, and James Edwin Howie Defendants to the said Sheriff directed and delivered, commanding him that out of the personal property of said judgment debtors in his County, he should cause to be made certain moneys in the said Writ specified, and if sufficient personal property of the said judgment debtors could not be found, then he should cause the amount of said judgment to be made out of the real property belonging to said judgment debtors on the 15th day of May A.D. 1911, or at any time afterward.

And whereas, because sufficient personal property of said judgment debtors could not be found, whereas the said Sheriff could cause to be made moneys specified in said Writ, the said Sheriff did, on the 14th day of June, A.D. 1911, in obedience to said command, levy on and take and seize all the right, title, interest and claim which the said judgment debtors so had in the lands, tenements, real estate and premises hereinafter particularly set forth and described, with the appurtenances, and did, on the 16th day of July A.D. 1911, sell all the right, title, interest and claim of the said judgment debtors in and to the said premises at public auction, in front of the Court House, in Klamath Falls in said County of Klamath, between the hours of nine in the morning and four in the afternoon of that day, namely, at 10 o'clock A.M., after having first given notice of the time and place of such sale, according to law; at which sale all the right, title, interest and claim of the said judgment debtor in and to the said premises, were struck off and sold to the said party of the second part for the sum of Eight Thousand Five Hundred Sixty six and 10/100 Dollars Gold Coin of the United States of America, the said part of the second part, he being the highest bidder and that being the highest sum bid for the same, whereupon the said Sheriff, after receiving from the said purchaser the said sum of money so bid as aforesaid, gave to the said party of the second part such certificate of said sale as is by law directed to be given, and the matters contained in such certificate were substantially stated in said Sheriff's return of his proceedings upon said Writ to the Clerk of Circuit Court of the said County of Klamath and whereas, the said Court, by an order dated the 21st day of July 1911, confirmed said sale, and one year has expired since the confirmation of said sale by said Court without any redemption of the said premises having been made;

NOW THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH, that the said C.C. Low the Sheriff aforesaid, by virtue of the said Writ, and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, for and in consideration of the said sum of money to him in hand paid as aforesaid by the said party of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, has granted, bargained, sold, conveyed and confirmed, and by these presents does grant, bargain, sell, convey and confirm unto the said party of the second part, and to his heirs and assigns forever, all the right, title, interest and claim which the said judgment debtors, Abel Ady and Leona C. Ady his wife; Clarie A. Howie; Carlton E. Howie and Amy L. Howie, his wife, and James Edwin Howie had on the said day of ----- A.D. 190--, or at any time afterwards, or now have in and to all those certain lots, pieces or parcels of land, situate, lying and particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Lots 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16; the Southeast quarter of the Northeast quarter and the North half of the Southeast quarter, Section Fifteen; also Southwest quarter, Section Fourteen, also lots 8 and 9, and the Southeast quarter of the Northwest quarter and the North half of the Northwest quarter Section Twenty-two, all in Township 40, South of Range 8, East of Willamette Meridian, in Klamath County, Oregon, and containing in all 708.66 acres, more or less.

together with all and singular the hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said premises, with the appurtenances, unto the said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns forever, as fully and absolutely as the said Sheriff can; may, or ought to, by virtue of the said Writ, and of the statute in such case made and provided, grant, bargain, sell, convey and confirm the same.

In Witness Whereof, the said Sheriff, the said party of the first part, has hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered
in the presence of
Don J. Zusswalt
C.K. DeLap

C.C. Low
Sheriff of the County of Klamath, Oregon.

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