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March 11, 1986

Oregon Historical Society
1230 SW Park Avenue
Portland, OR 97205

Dear Sir or Madam:

I have heard that Oregon has a program that provides honorary recognition to historic homesteads. As we are considering such a designation program in Idaho, I would like to know more about your homestead program. In particular, is it authorized by state legislation, how is it funded, and how are homesteads chosen for recognition? I would be grateful for any information you could provide.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in red ink that reads "Jennifer Eastman Attebery". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Jennifer Eastman Attebery
State Architectural Historian
State Historic Preservation Office

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March 19, 1986

Ms. Jennifer Eastman Attebery
State Historic Preservation Office
Idaho State Historical Society
610 North Julia Davis Drive
Boise, Idaho 83702

Dear Ms. Attebery:

Thank you for your letter of March 11 inquiring about the Century Farm program, which provides honorary recognition to historic homesteads.

The Century Farm program was initiated in 1988 by the Oregon Historical Society, under the direction of Executive Director Thomas Vaughan. The program was initially carried out in conjunction with the Oregon State Department of Agriculture, but has been entirely administered by the Oregon Historical Society since 1973. We do plan to continue the program as it has been very successful with over 800 farms honored to date.

I believe that the enclosed forms and general information will give you a good idea as to how the program is administered. The program is not authorized by state legislation, or I should say not specifically authorized; the Oregon Historical Society is itself a quasi-state agency with general authorization to carry out programs on behalf of the state of Oregon.

There is no fee for application for a Century Farm; the eligible farms may purchase their own (optional) outside signs for about \$60.00 from a local supplier.

Please let me know if I can provide additional information;

Sincerely,

Charles F. Wellman
Coordinator, Century Farm Program