

SFR 0008

Dean Arthur McKay  
McKay Farms, Inc.

Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation

# Sesquicentennial Award Application

Date October 25, 2007

Type of designation (please check)  Farm  Ranch

Legal owner / Applicant name Dean Arthur McKay / McKay Farms, Inc.

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 Same as above

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

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

County Marion

Distance 2.5 miles from nearest town St. Paul

Township 4 Range 2W Section 28

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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Please provide the following information.

### Founder(s):

Original family owner(s) or founder(s) James McKay

Year this farm or ranch was acquired by founder(s) 1858

Year farm or ranch was awarded Century Farm or Century Ranch status, if applicable 1958

Who farms or ranches the land today? Dean McKay and brother Mark McKay

Relationship of Applicant to original owner. Please explain lineage.

Fifth generation of McKay family farmers.

James McKay; William McKay; Arthur McKay; Arthur McKay, II;  
and Dean McKay

### 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:

Please describe the early crops or livestock.

grains, hops

How many acres were included in original farm or ranch? 160 acres

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

Everything was done by hand and animal. Today we use tractors and implements to prepare the ground, plant crops and harvest. Also have irrigation systems

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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?

grass seed, bush beans, sweet corn, garlic seed  
and nursery stock

How many acres does the subject farm or ranch include today? 300 acres

How many acres are in agricultural use today? ~~over~~ farm operation exceeds 4,000 acres

## The Family:

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

Parents Arthur McKay, 1923 and Charlotte McKay 1924 are both deceased.

Please list names and birth years:

Dean <sup>Arthur</sup> McKay 1963  
Ann McKay 1963 - wife  
Kelly McKay 1990  
Daniel McKay 1993  
Sarah McKay 1995  
children

Please include a narrative of your family history. Please also submit historical & current photos of the property & family, as available. If photos can be provided in digital format at a high resolution appropriate for publication (300 dpi or greater), it would be appreciated.

Types of information to include in your family history narrative:

- From which city, state, or country original owner moved.
- Generational transfers of the farm or ranch property.
- 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.

**Statement of Affirmation**

I, Dean Arthur McKay,  
hereby affirm and declare that the farm or ranch which I own at Redacted for Privacy

Redacted for Privacy, in the County of Marion

has been owned by my family for at least 150 continuous years, as specified in the qualifications for the Century Farm & Ranch Program / Sesquicentennial Award, 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 / Sesquicentennial Award 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.

Dean A. McKay  
Signature of Owner

10-31-07  
Date

**Certification by Notary Public**

State of Oregon  
County of Marion

Be it remembered, that on this 31 day of October, 2007, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said county and state, personally appeared the within named DEAN Arthur McKay, known to me to be the identical individual described in and who executed the within instrument and acknowledged to me that DEAN Arthur McKay 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.

Ruth M. Vachter



Notary Public for Oregon  
My Commission Expires 7/16/2010

**Fees**

Application Fee  
(includes one certificate) \$ 25.00  
  
Additional Certificates (\$15 each) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
  
Total enclosed \$ 25.00

Make checks payable to:  
Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation or OAEF

(7/2007)

**For office use only**

Date Received 11/1/07  
Century Farm or Ranch ID No. if on File CFR 0321  
Not on File \_\_\_\_\_  
Application Approved?  Yes  No  
Authorization GM  
Century Farm & Ranch Program Coordinator  
OHS Library  
MSS 1604 Program ID No. SFR0008

Dean Arthur McKay  
Century Farm – 150 years  
October 25, 2007

The McKay family settled in the St. Paul region of the Willamette Valley with many other European –Americans in the early to mid 1800's. The region originally brought settlers to the area because of the Northwest Fur Company which had a trading post in St. Paul. In 1829 a French –Canadian trapper named Etienne Lucier settled his family in the area of Champoeg State Park to become one of Oregon's earliest farms.

James McKay was born in Ireland; when he was one year old his family moved to Glasgow, Scotland where he grew up. In 1840 James McKay married and shortly thereafter became interested in pioneering in the Middle West. They moved to Joliet, Illinois where he found employment on a canal being built. It was in 1847 James McKay traveled by wagon train from Illinois to settle in the Oregon territory with his family. They stopped in The Dalles and then built a raft and floated to Portland. They eventually found their way down to settle in St. Paul. James McKay purchased the 160 acres which we call the homeplace where we live today. Five generations later I, Dean McKay, and my brother Mark took over the family farm from our father Arthur. We saw the need to grow the business that our ancestors started. The acreage of the farm has grown to more than 4,000 acres and we have introduced many new crops. Today the farm produces garlic seed, broccoli, bush beans, sweet corn, hazelnuts, hops and grass seed. Ten years ago my wife, Ann, and I added to our diversified operation and formed another corporation named Advanced Ornamentals, Inc. that is a wholesale nursery growing 500 acres of plants. Today our children also take an active part in the operations of our farm entities.

