

CFR 0002

Chandler Herefords Inc.

U.S. Census Definition of a Farm: 10 acres or more with agricultural sales of \$50 or more a year; or, if less than 10 acres, sales of at least \$250 a year.

APPLICATION FOR CENTURY FARM HONORS--1970

(Rules attached)

Deadline for filing application: July 1, 1970

PLEASE PRINT

Your name (Mr., Mrs., Miss) Chandler Herefords Inc.

Your address: Route 1 P.O. Box _____ Town Baker

Location of farm: Baker (Address) Baker (County)

Acres in your farm today: 2700 Acres in original farm: 640

Does your farm comply with U.S. Census definition at top of page? yes

Name of founder of farm (please print): George Chandler

Year founder settled on farm? 1864 Where did he come from? Missouri

How many families have farmed this land? 4

Are any of original buildings still in use? yes

Who farms land today? You? ☒ A renter? _____ A manager? _____ Other? _____

If you own the farm but live in town, do you manage the farming operation? yes

What relation are you to the original owner? Grandson

If you know crops or livestock raised on farm 100 years ago, please list Shorthorn

cattle, Hay, some oats

What do you raise on farm today? Hereford cattle + Hay

How many generations live on the farm today? (Names) George Herbert Chandler

Has the farm ever been rented? No How many times has original farm been divided? None

PLEASE list on separate page attached other historical facts you know about this farm.

Do you declare that the statements made above are accurate and correct to the best of your knowledge? yes

Chandler Herefords Inc
Signature of Owner
By Charles Chandler

Submitted by: _____
(Name and Address)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

My Great Grandfather, Charles Chandler was captain of the wagon train that arrived here in Sept. 1862. George Chandler, his son, 16 years old ^{in 1862} was the original owner of this farm & farmed his lifetime here. His son Herbert changed from Shorthorn cattle to Herefords in 1889 & we are still raising Herefords that trace to the original ones. Herbert is still alive at this time at the age of 85. I have been here all my life, 50 years, & have two sons, George Herbert & Charlie Hugh. George graduated from Corvallis last June & he & his wife Janet are now living on the ranch. Charlie is a Graduating Senior of High School & will probably join us upon the completion of his college years at Corvallis.

Charles Chandler

State Department of Agriculture
Oregon Historical Society

CERTIFICATION OF OWNERSHIP OF CENTURY FARM

I hereby certify that the farm for which Chandler Herefords Inc.
Owner's name and address
_____ is applying for Century Farm honors,
has been in his family continuously for 100 or more years.



*County ~~Commissioner~~ ~~Recorder~~
Judge

Date: May 13, 1970

*Please strike office not applicable

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Chandler ranch chosen for '70 Century Award

By DAVE THOMPSON
(D-H Staff Writer)

Herbert Chandler paused a moment to reach far back in his memory for recollections of pioneer days when his grandfather came to Baker Valley over the Old Emmigrant Trail.

Chandler, 86, a semi-retired stockman, is the eldest member of the pioneer ranching family whose ranch received a Century Farm award Monday.

The Century Farm award is given annually by the Oregon State Historical Society to farms that have been in a family's name for 100 years.

Chandler speaks slowly, his fingers laced in front of his face. At times he peers away off in the distance at something only he can see.

"My grandfather (George Chandler) went to California when gold was discovered and left his family in Missouri," he said. "In a couple years, he returned home for his family and went to Oregon. With oxen they traveled about eight miles a day."

The white-haired gentleman paused while digging into the past and continued. "Grandfather was the only one in the wagon train who had ever crossed the plains, so they made him captain."

"It was September 15, 1862 when they arrived at Wingville, Chandler said, testing his memory. "They were all pretty well worn out so they decided to stay the winter and continue West in the spring by way of the Willamette Valley. Most of them never left here."

The pioneers built log cabins and prepared for the formidable task of surviving on the unsettled land. "At first the men made a living by digging ditches to carry water for placer mining in the mountains," he said, motioning toward a mountain range in the west.

The old stockman continued. "After the oxen rested from the long trip, the men drove them to Umatilla for supplies to get them through winter."

"On the way across the plains the women saved potato peelings, planted them, and sold potatoes to miners for \$10 a hundred," Chandler's father was a teenager when the family came to Baker Valley. He married Adelia Ison, a girl whom he met on the wagon train. In 1884 Herbert was born in his parent's log cabin near Wingville. "Those cabins were warm in winter and cool in summer," he remembered.

The Chandlers obtained their first Hereford cattle in 1889. Although the pioneers brought a few head of cattle over the trail, they did not drive large herds across the plains, Chandler said.

"People kept adding a few cattle to their herd each year, but it was quite a while before they began to have cattle drives here."

Today the Chandler name is synonymous with pure-bred Herefords.

The ranch is four miles north of Baker along Highway 30. It encompasses 2,700 acres of the Baker Valley. A yellow sign along the highway marks the entrance to the ranch — Chandler Herefords it reads.

"All the animals on the ranch can be traced back to 1889," said George Chandler, 23, grandson of Herbert Chandler. George lives with his wife, Janet, at the ranch and helps run the business with his father, Charles.

"Grandfather is still as active as he can be," George said, his weather beaten hat perched on one knee. "Until about a year ago he came out every day, ate at the cook house, and looked things over."

Charles Chandler lives at 1890 Ash St. and commutes back and forth from the ranch. In addition to the father and son team, two hired hands work at the ranch. There is also a cook who has breakfast ready at 7 a.m. Janet prepares the meals when the regular cook has the day off.

A log cabin on the ranch was built around 1863. The Chandlers are not certain who built it. "People were born and died in it," the grandfather believes. Not long ago the cabin was used as a cook house but now is a storage shed.

The picture window in George and Janet's ranch-style home offers them a view into the large stock yard where bulls feed on wild hay or lounge in the shade of a large cottonwood.

George said, "We run 300 brood cows that are all registered with the American Hereford Association. The ancestry of all the animals here can be traced." Ap-

proximately two months after the calves are born they are tattooed for identification.

"We don't sell anything for slaughter," George said. Their business is producing cattle for breeding. "Each March we have one big production sale right here on the ranch. These pamphlets are sent out as advertisement."

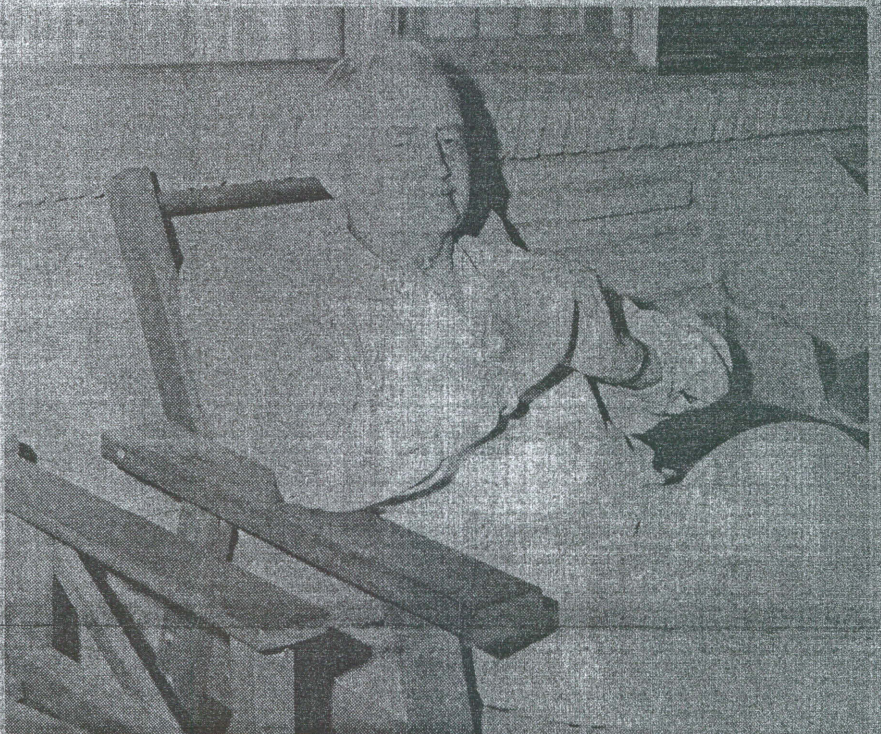
Sitting on a fence, looking in at the bulls rubbing against one another to rid themselves of face flies, George explained part of the operation.

"In June we put 30 cows in with one bull and take them out in the fall. They'll calve in March," he said. "One day last March we had 24 calves born."

Bulls are used for breeding when they are two years old. "They can breed earlier than that, but we let them get their growth first," George said. The cows are also bred at two years.

According to George, the commercial and pure-bred cattle businesses are closely connected. "If the entire livestock industry is hurting, then we are too," he said. "If the commercial salesman isn't getting a good price, then he isn't willing to pay much for bulls." (A commercial cattleman raises cattle for the table rather than breeding.)

"We're feeding wild native hay and alfalfa hay made into pellets," the rancher said. "I've been moving stacked hay to three central locations. I've got about two more weeks work to get it done. No fun doing it in the winter. I better get on with it."



HERBERT CHANDLER obtained his first Hereford cattle in 1889 and developed a herd of registered Herefords that are bred on the Chandler ranch in Baker Valley. Recently the ranch was awarded a Century Farm award by the Oregon State Historical Society. (D-H photo by Dave Thompson)