

CFR 0040

William Frank Groves

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--1973

(Rules attached)

Deadline for filing application: July 27, 1973.

PLEASE PRINT

Your name (Mr., Mrs., Miss) William Frank Groves

Your address: Route 503 SW 3rd St. P.O. Box — Town Corvallis

Location of farm: 36 St. & Philomath Blvd (adjoining Corvallis.) Benton
(Address) (County)

Acres in your farm today: 70 Acres in original farm: 320

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

Name of founder of farm (please print): Frederick August Horning

Year founder settled on farm? 1850 Where did he come from? Kansas City, Missouri

How many families have farmed this land? Two (2)

Are any of original buildings still in use? one

Who farms land today? You? Yes Through Legal Guardian (Fred P Osborn)
A renter? — A manager? — Other? —

If you own the farm but live in town, do you manage the farming operation? My Legal Guardian Fred P. Osborn

What relation are you to the original owner? Grand Son

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

Grain (wheat, oats, barley, corn) - hay - cattle, sheep, swine, poultry, apples - prunes - pears.

What do you raise on farm today? prunes, apples, walnuts - hay (grass)

How many generations live on the farm today? (Names) I have lived in town + farmed the land since I interited it.

Has the farm ever been rented? No. How many times has original farm been divided? 10

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

W Frank Groves (incompetent)
Fred P Osborn (Legal Guardian)
Signature of Owner
Fred P Osborn.

Submitted by: Fred P. Osborn (Legal Guardian + Manager of Farm)

(Name and Address)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Attached are copies of Corvallis Gazette Times articles describing the establishing of this farm by Fredrick August Horning, grandfatherⁱⁿ (1850) of Present owner W.^m Frank Groves, and of accounts of farming activities of them.

Upon the death of Fredrick A Horning in 1890, the farm was divided among the ten living children, the oldest Mrs William Groves, (Emma Horning) inherited the present Groves Farm and with the assistance of her son Frank Groves continued to manage the farm.

Upon the death of Emma Groves, Frank her son inherited the farm and continued to farm it. In 1969 due to a series of strokes Mr. Frank Groves became incompetent and the District Court of Benton County appointed Fred P. Osborn, (1921 SW Sunset Drive Corvallis) as guardian, who manages the affairs and Farm of Mr. Groves. (Mr. Frank Groves ~~is a bachelor~~ never having married so has no children.

Mr. Groves since his Mother inherited the farm has lived in the City of Corvallis in the house where he was born^(in 1887) all of his life (age now 95) and traveled (1 1/2 miles) to the farm, winter + Summer.

The old house on the farm still standing was built 115 years ago.

Fred P. Osborn

State Department of Agriculture
Oregon Historical Society

CERTIFICATION OF OWNERSHIP OF CENTURY FARM

I hereby certify that the farm for which W. Fran K Groves
Owner's name and address
503 SW 3rd St. Corvallis, 97330 is applying for Century Farm honors,

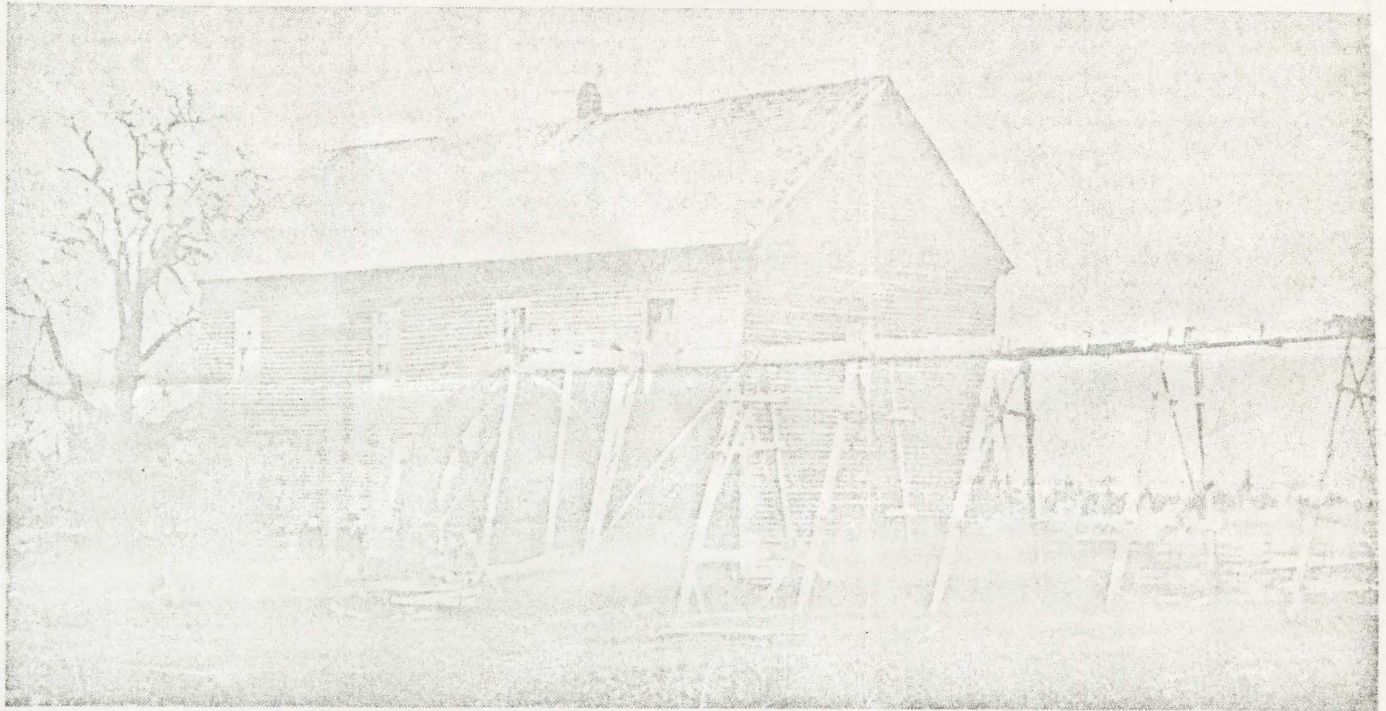
has been in his family continuously for 100 or more years.

Jeanette Linnville
*County Commissioners Recorder
Melvin S. Hawkins

Date: July 23, 1973

*Please strike office not applicable

rs, Frank Groves Is Touch



STILL FARMING the land homesteaded by his grandparents at the west edge of Corvallis is Frank Groves, now nearing 90 years of age. Photo made from glass negative loaned by Oregon State University archives shows the carding mill that once stood near 35th and

Philomath Road. Mill was built by Frederick A. Horning, grandfather of Groves, who came to the "sunset state in 1849. Flume carried water from Oak Creek to power the mill.

forts that the venture was a success.

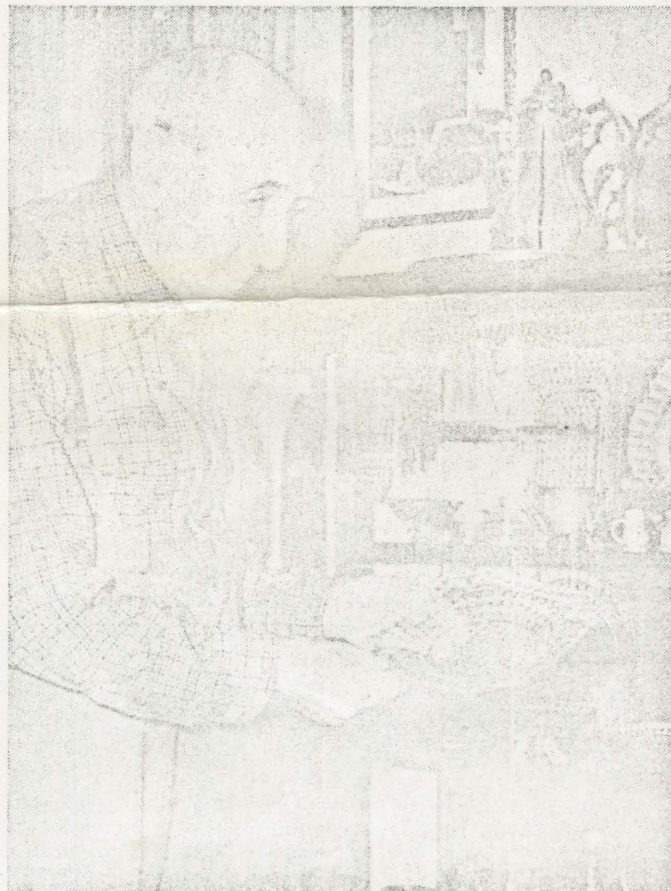
Saves Marys Peak

Groves also deserves almost complete credit for saving the scenic beauty of the Marys Peak summit. For, in the late 1930's, the summit still remained in private ownership. When it was learned that the area was to be logged Groves successfully urged use of water funds to buy the summit for recreational purposes.

Groves served, without pay, on the five-man water commission for five years around 1912, and later for 15 more years beginning in 1935. But he isn't looking for any thanks for his services. Praise for his leadership only embarrasses him.

It was natural for Groves to have been interested in the city's water problems, since his father, William Groves, was one of the owners of the town's early private water company.

Back in the 1860's, when Corvallis had a population of some 900 people, a small group of men set out to replace private water wells with a system of piped water



ANTIQUE LOVERS would have a heyday in the home of Frank Groves, native of Corvallis, whose possessions

profits shrank as more and more stations located in town.

Nov. Memory Keen 1967

Groves' memory is keen and he recalls the past with ease. He tells of the days when his grandparents, the Frederick A. Hornings, came by ox cart in 1849 to settle on 640 acres of homestead land near 35th and Philomath Road west of Corvallis where Groves now farms.

True pioneers, they built a log cabin and lived in it for about 10 years. Then, when their growing family of 11 children became too large for the cabin, they built the home which still stands on Groves' farm.

Nearby, Horning built the first wool carding mill in Benton County. Powered by a waterwheel, it remained in operation until dry goods stores moved into the area bringing finished clothing.

Homestead Now Park

Visitors to Horning Park now picnic by Oak Creek on part of the original Horning homestead. Land for the park was given to Benton County by Groves seven years ago. Picnickers can see the well preserved Horning home on

Park returned to the Estate. by the County.

DUST TO DUST.

One of Benton County's Pioneers Crosses the Bridge from Time to Eternity.

Frederick August Horning was born in Prussia, Saxony, near Berlin, Aug. 20, 1823, and died at Corvallis, Jan. 18, 1890, aged 66 years, 5 months and 8 days.

He was of the old Saxon race. When nine years of age, his parents with their family of eight children immigrated to America, locating in St. Clair County, Illinois, and five years later moved to Jackson County, Missouri. They resided in a little town called Westport, now a part of Kansas City. An incident occurred in Frederick's life at this time which deserves special mention. Before he was twenty-one years old, there being no church in that part of the country, he circulated a subscription paper, collected funds and, with his own hands, helped build the first church in what is now Kansas City.

In 1848 Mr. Horning was married to Miss Mary A. Johnson, who died May 22, 1868, leaving a family of eleven children, all of whom are living. May 15, 1850, with his wife and one child, he started for California, but on the plains was compelled to change his route, and consequently came to Oregon, arriving at Oregon City Oct. 26, 1850. In December of the same year he came to Benton County and purchased the valuable home-farm one mile and a half west of this city where, with his family, he has resided continuously until his death last Saturday.

His was an honorable, noble life. Into his character were wrought those sterling, steadfast, honorable Saxon elements that make a manhood strong and true and reliable. As husband and father, he was ever loving and faithful. As neighbor and citizen, he was true and kind. It was remarkable, after the death of his wife, years ago, he kept together, cared for, educated and brought to manly manhood and womanly womanhood his motherless children. This work, so grandly done, is a lasting monument to his memory.

Mr. Horning has been one of Benton County's most successful and influential farmers, as his rich and valuable farm, under the finest cultivation, attests. No interest, connected with the agricultural prosperity of the county

and the State, but found a firm friend in him. Fully sensible of the importance and worth of our Agricultural College, he gave liberally of time, money and influence to secure its permanent location at this place. At the hour of its greatest extremity and peril, he came most willingly to the rescue, and, with others, saved this institution of learning to Corvallis and Benton County. The State Agricultural College has lost a warm friend and generous supporter in the death of Mr. Horning. Besides he was a most valuable and useful Christian in every respect. Whatever was necessary for the good name and reputation of Corvallis and her community, he was alert to aid and promote. His intelligence, industry and enterprise took hold of the varied and important interests of the county and city, and a large place is left vacant by his

He was a worthy and honored member of the Masonic Fraternity and the Willamette Grange. A life so well lived and so nearly completed can not easily be spoken.

The funeral services occurred at the Presbyterian church on Monday at two o'clock, conducted by Rev. Dr. Thompson. The building was densely crowded with citizens and friends who desired to express their respect for the honored dead, and their sympathy for the bereaved family and relatives. The burial service was under the direction of the Masonic Fraternity, and the brother was laid to rest under the unfading evergreen until the last trumpet shall sound on the resurrection morn. Farewell, dear brother!

The text of the funeral address by Dr. Thompson was Job iv., 19: "Them that dwell in houses of clay, whose foundation is in the dust, which are crushed before the moth."

This is a most truthful and striking figure in teaching human frailty. Indeed, we live in houses of clay: dust to dust! Clay to clay. God's finger touched him, and he slept. Yet, it is only the outer covering, the house in which we live, that perishes; the house, its inmate; the casket, its jewel. The mortal has put on immortality. The earthly tenant has entered the heavenly mansion. The jewel now shines in the coronet of the immortals.

One short sleep past, we wake eternally, and death shall be no more. No friend is lost; all things gone are in the angels' keeping. No friend is dead for us, but only sleeping.

This friend, this brother, whose

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In the DISTRICT Court of the State of Oregon
for the County of BENTON
PROBATE DEPARTMENT

In the Matter of the Guardianship of
The Person and Estate of
W. FRANK GROVES } No. 5742
LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING:

STATE OF OREGON,
County of Benton } ss.

KNOW YE, That on July 14, 1969, the District Court, Benton
month day

County, State of Oregon, appointed FRED P. OSBORN guardian of the
name of guardian
W. Frank Groves
person or estate or person and estate name of ward

~~(n)~~ Incompetent, that the named guardian has qualified and has the authority
incompetent—minor—spendthrift
and shall perform the duties of guardian of the person and estate
person or estate or person and estate
for the named ward as provided by law.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of the court

at my office on July 14, 1969.
month day

Endorsed and Filed
July 14 1969
Ralph P. Schindler, County Clerk
By Leola Jenner, Deputy
RALPH P. SCHINDLER
Clerk of the Court.

(SEAL) By /s/ Leola Jenner
Deputy.

STATE OF OREGON,
County of Benton } ss.
I, Ralph P. Schindler

County Clerk and Clerk of the above entitled Court, hereby
certify that the foregoing copy of Letters of Guardianship has been compared by me with the original Letters on file and of
record in my office and in my custody in the above entitled matter; that said copy is a true and correct transcript of said
original and of the whole thereof and that the said Letters are now in full force and effect.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court on this 11th
day of March, 1970.

Ralph P. Schindler
County Clerk and Clerk of the above entitled Court.
By Leola Jenner
Deputy.