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Nancy Morrison Tagg

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Mrs. Harold Tagg, first candidate for Clatsop county's century farm owner, lives with her husband in home built in the 1860's on the site of the original log cabin where her grandparents lived after staking 640-acre Morrison donation land claim in 1845 on Clatsop Plains. (A-B Photo)

## 100 Yr. Old Farms Eyed Over Oregon

First candidates for Clatsop county's century farm family are Mr. and Mrs. Harold Tagg, Clatsop Plains, who farm 105 acres of an original 640-acre donation land claim.

In a continuing program set up this year by the Oregon Historical society and the State Department of Agriculture in connection with next year's state Centennial, owners of farms which have been owned by their families for 100 or more years in 1953 will be honored in century farm ceremonies at the state fair.

Families qualifying for the honor will receive a certificate from the historical society to be presented by Gov. Robert Holmes during the ceremonies.

The farm currently occupied by the Taggs is a part of the Morrison donation land claim filed by Robert W. and Nancy Irwin Morrison, Mrs. Tagg's grandparents, in 1845. The Morrisons had come to Oregon by wagon train from St. Joseph, Mo., in 1844.

Mrs. Tagg's father, William Morrison, was born in 1845 in the home of Solomon and Celiast Smith on Clatsop Plains.

The Taggs, who live in a home built in the 1860's on the site of the original log cabin where her grandparents lived, have farmed the land on which they raise cattle, since their marriage 40 years ago.

Two of their sons, Don and David, live on farms near the Tagg home, although not a part of the original claim, and a third son, Robert, lives in the east.

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## Grange Honors Charter Member, Century Farmer

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Mrs. Harold Tagg was honored as a charter member of Pacific grange and as a century farmer at the recent booster program of the grange.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Tagg were the only Clatsop county residents among some 400 Oregonians honored by Gov. Robert Holmes and presented with awards as century farmers at the 1958 Oregon state fair.

Mr. and Mrs. Tagg reside on the original donation land claim of Mrs. Tagg's grandfather, Robert Morrison, who was captain of a large group of pioneers who crossed the plains to Oregon in 1844, undergoing great difficulties, including Indian trouble, severe weather, rugged mountainous terrain, and shortage of food.

Robert Morrison, an important figure in the pioneer life of the state and county, was an officer in charge of the fort at The Dalles during the Cayuse war, served as a legislator in Oregon, and was a pioneer in raising grain in Clatsop county. He was also a prosperous farmer on Clatsop Plains, where the original home now stands. Morrison also built the first grist mill and the first sawmill in Clatsop county. He was the donor of the 10 acres for the pioneer church and cemetery, where he and his wife, Nancy Irwin Morrison, were buried, Robert in 1894 and Nancy in 1889.

Mrs. Tagg's parents resided for many years on the part of the land claim now known as the Chadwick place, east of the original home. Here Mrs. Tagg was born, and lived until she was eight years of age.

The old farm was divided among four living sons, Benton, Jefferson, David and William, and three daughters, Martha Ann Minto, Hannah Margaret Hamblin and Mary Ellen Carnahan. Two sons, James and John preceded their parents in death.

When Mrs. Tagg was eight years of age, her father, William, purchased the shares from the other heirs and moved to the original home, where they lived and farmed until his death.

Mrs. Tagg has kept the home as the only heir, and thus becomes entitled to the honor of century farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Tagg have

followed some form of farming, mostly cattle raising.

A part of the original claim was sold by them to form Camp Clatsop military reservation.

The original claim was bounded on the north by Camp Clatsop road, on the west by the ocean, and on the east by a ridge east of the Skipanon waterway, earlier known as the "big ditch." The southern boundary was a short distance from the present Astoria golf course.

As a young girl, Nancy Morrison attended the old Skipanon school, now the site of the Colby service station and home, later attending normal school at Monmouth, and for several years prior to and after her marriage taught the first four grades at the Morrison school, named for a relative who donated the land for the school.

She has always been active in church, community, and grange work, and is the mother of three sons, Robert, New York City; Donald, Warrenton, and David, Clatsop Plains.



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