

CFR 0121

Mr. Abner J. Rice

U. S. Census Definition of a Farm: A farm must have 10 or more acres 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 - 1960

→ Submit to State Department of Agriculture, 158 12th St. N. E., Salem ←

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Your name (Mr., Mrs., Miss) Mr. Abner J. Rice

Your address: Route _____ Box 46 Town Dillard

Location of farm: 1 mile south of Dillard

County: Douglas. Acres: In your farm? 38. In original farm? 320.

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

Name of founder of farm (please print): Robert Matlock Phipps

What year did founder settle on the farm? 1851. How many families have farmed this land through the years? Four

Are any of original buildings still in use? no

What do you raise on farm today? orchard, alfalfa & melons.

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? _____

What relation are you to the original owner? grandson

If you know original crops or livestock of this farm, please list grain,
gardens.

How many generations live on the farm today? 1

Has the farm ever been rented? yes. How many times has original farm been divided? 5

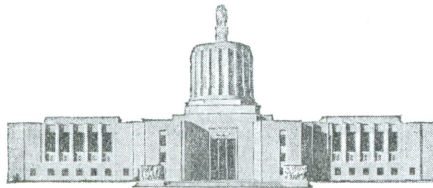
PLEASE list here or on separate page other historical facts you know about this farm _____

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

Deadline for filing
application: June 20, 1960

Abner J. Rice
Signature of Owner

This land was rented by
the daughter of the original
owner from her father
and was later bought by
her & her husband.



STATE OF OREGON
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
SALEM

August 4, 1960

Mr. Abner J. Rice
Box 46
Dillard, Oregon

Dear Mr. Rice:

As sponsors, it is our pleasure to inform you that your application for 1960 Century Farm Honors has been approved. Our sincere congratulations to you and your family upon the long tradition of contributions to Oregon's great basic industry, our agriculture.

As you know, appropriate ceremonies to recognize Oregon's new group of Century Farms will be held at the Oregon State Fair on Tuesday, September 6, beginning with an 11 a. m. program, to be followed by a box luncheon. You will receive further word of the Fair attendance directly from the Oregon State Fair management.

Century Farmers of 1958 and 1959 are being invited to join with you in the observance in your honor on September 6. We sincerely hope you will plan to be present and to receive the coveted Century Farm parchment, which will be presented by Governor Mark O. Hatfield.

Within a few days we shall announce to the newspapers the names of the select few farmers who this year qualify to enter the ranks of our owners of historic farms.

In the meantime, again our congratulations, and our thanks for your response to the Century Farm program. We look forward to greeting you in person on Tuesday, September 6, at the state fairgrounds in Salem.

Yours sincerely,

Thomas Vaughan, Director
Oregon Historical Society

J. F. Short, Director
State Department of Agriculture