

CFR 0130

Anna W. Beeson Carter

State of Oregon, ( )  
County of Jackson. ( ) ss.

Beeson

I, Anna W./Carter, being first duly sworn, depose and say that my Father Welborn Beeson started his Diary on his 15th birthday, July 22, 1851. He was born in Deer Park, LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 22, 1836. He was the only living child of his parents, a daughter having died in infancy.

He wrote a very interesting account of his trip across the plains to Oregon. The Diary states that on September 5th, 1853, his Father, John Beeson, who was my Grandfather, bought their farm from Mr. Walton.

The farm joined the land of Mr. John Robinson on the South, and partly on the West, and partly on the West by the land of Joe and Firman Anderson, on the North by vacant land, and on the East by the land of Jacob Wagner.

This was in the Wagner Creek area near what is now the Town of Talent, Jackson County, Oregon.

Dated this 19th day of July, 1958.

Anna W. Beeson Carter

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this 19th day of July, 1958.

Mydala Keip  
Notary Public for Oregon.  
My Commission Expires Nov. 23, 1960.

Jackson

APPLICATION FOR CENTURY FARM HONORS

Location and size of farm Located in the Wagner Creek area, about one mile, north-west of Talent, Oregon. It contains (my portion) about twenty-two (plus) acres.  
Present owner Anna W. Beeson Carter (Mrs. S. R. Carter)  
Address 821 East Jackson Boulevard, Medford, Oregon

Do you live on this farm and farm the land? No.

Do you make \$150 a year or more from this farm? yes.

If you live off this land, do you manage the farm operation? Yes, my son and I do.

Name and date of first generation owner John Beeson. He and his wife, Ann, and son, Welborn, moved onto the place, September 6, 1853.

Brief description of farm About 1/2 of it is in orchard. There is a house, and an excellent barn, on the place. The recorded name of the farm is "Woodside Place."

History My father was seventeen when he moved, with his father, John, and Mother, Ann, onto the farm. My father began writing a diary two years before that, at the age of fifteen, and he wrote the diary until his death, in 1893. The diary contains a complete history of life on the farm, and in Southern Oregon.

Anna W. Beeson Carter  
Signature of present owner





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# Century Old Farms Show Small Loss in Soil Value

By GENE WINTERS  
County Extension Agent

The productive ability of soils on Century Farms in Jackson County has not slowed down over the years. This is the finding in soil test reports received by the agent from soil samples taken on

four of the nine farms in the county which received Century farm honors last year in the program initiated by the Oregon Historical society and the state department of agriculture.

Two soil samples were taken from each farm selected having areas of similar soil types, one sample being taken from an area cropped over a long period of time and the other sample from an area cropped for a lesser period or not at all.

Samples were tested at the Oregon State College Soil Testing laboratory. The Northwest Plant Food association and the National Plant Food institute paid the testing fees.

At the George W. Dunn Century farm on Neil creek near Ashland one sample was taken from a field which had been in orchard until about 1900 and since cropped in an alfalfa-grain rotation. A comparable sample was from an area never cultivated. On this farm the soil became slightly more acid through cropping with a reduction of p.H. from 7.2 to 6.5. The amount of available phosphorous and potassium was reduced, but is still within the medium levels for most crops' use. Organic matter content has dropped through the years of cropping from 5.59 per cent to 3.56 per cent.

From the Anna Becson Carter Century farm near Talent samples were taken from a pear orchard planted about 1930 after being cropped to a grain-alfalfa rotation, and from a field cleared of native brush and trees in the late 1920's and since in forage crops. On this farm both the orchard and pasture have the same reaction with a p.H. of 6.6. The supply of available phosphorous and potassium in the orchard was reduced from that of the pasture, but was still at a level adequate for crops having a high requirement for these essential plant nutrients. The organic matter of the land cropped the most had dropped slightly from 3.31 per cent to 2.51 per cent.

Soil samples from the Frank Dean Century farm on the Old Stage road were taken from a field cropped continuously for many years, mostly to grain and now in alfalfa, and from a part of the same field which was established to walnut trees in 1913. The p.H. in the alfalfa field is 6.5 compared to 6.9 in the orchard. The phosphorous levels are still high, with some reduction in the field. The level of potassium is still adequate for many crops, but for optimum legume growth supplemental potassium would be recommended. Annual grain cropping with resulting erosion on this hill field showed a reduction of organic matter to 1.17 per cent from the 5.42 per cent in the orchard.

The fourth Century farm where soil tests were taken was Chavner Thompson's on old Highway east of Gold Hill. One sample was taken from a field continuously cropped to corn, grain and peas, and alfalfa. The comparable sample was taken from an unimproved pasture still in native grass, brush and trees. The p.H. of the cropped field dropped slightly from 7.1 to 6.8. The phosphorous levels are lower but still ample for most crop requirements. Potassium was reduced in comparison with the uncropped field, yet the level is still high enough that no potassium fertilizer recommendations would be made at this time for the present crop.

The slight increase in soil acidity as indicated by the p.H. is to be expected from cropping use. All the samples tested showed a still favorable soil reaction for the production of crops. The phosphorous and potassium test results best indicate the inherent ability of the soil to make more of these necessary plant nutrients available for crop use.

Different crops require different levels of plant foods. Some of the tests show a need for applications of phosphorous and potassium. It is not unusual to add these materials to soils being cropped for the first time.

The reduction of organic matter is usually found after years of cropping and could account for part in the reduction of available phosphorous and potassium.

Dear Sirs;

May I have a duplicate of the "parchment," or award, which I received at the Oregon State Fair (in 1958, I believe!)?

I have two sons, and I wanted one award for each son. My grandfather, John Beeson, came to Jackson County in 1852.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Anna B. Carter

821 East Jackson Blvd.,  
Medford,

Oregon.

Aug 2, 1960.

Oregon State Fair  
P.O. Box 1507  
Salem, Oregon

I am a 1958( ) 1959( ) Century Farmer. ~~I plan to attend the Century Farm  
Day ceremonies Tuesday, September 6. Please send me one( ) two( ) tickets  
for the FREE box lunch.~~

Name

Anna Beeson Carter

Address

821 East Jackson Blvd,

County

Medford, Jackson County, Oregon.  
(over)



August 10, 1960

Mrs. Anna B. Carter  
821 East Jackson Blvd.  
Medford, Oregon

Dear Mrs. Carter:

Although we would like very much to comply with your request for a duplicate of the parchment presented to you in 1958, we are unable to do so.

Our supply for that year is exhausted. Signatures of four persons in office at that time would be difficult to obtain. A few extra copies were on hand with regard to signatures, however, these were used in short time to handle corrections.

Very sincerely,

Robert C. Scott  
Public Services Representative