

CFR 0147

Mrs. Leonard Clawson

See CFR 0146 (Economic food's 1/2 of farm)

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) Mrs Leonard Clawson

Your address: Route 5025 Fern Valley Rd. P.O. Box Town Medford

Location of farm: 5025 Fern Valley Rd (Address) Jackson (County)

Acres in your farm today: 20 1/2 Acres in original farm: ?

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

Name of founder of farm (please print): Champion T. Payne

Year founder settled on farm? 1869 Where did he come from? Missouri

How many families have farmed this land? C.T. Payne - George A. Ford - Ethel Clawson

Are any of original buildings still in use? no

Who farms land today? You? A renter? A manager? Other? my husband & myself

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

What relation are you to the original owner? Granddaughter

If you know crops or livestock raised on farm 100 years ago, please list Wheat
Cattle & Poultry

What do you raise on farm today? Cattle - Sheep & apples

How many generations live on the farm today? (Names) Ethel Clawson

Has the farm ever been rented? no How many times has original farm been divided?

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

Ethel E. Clawson
Signature of Owner

Submitted by:

Ethel E. Clauson

(Name and Address)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

My Grandparents Mr. + Mrs. C. + Payne crossed the plains in 1852. Settling first in Walla Walla & Willamite Valley they came to Rogue River Valley in the 1860's & settled in Lem Valley - at one time they owned approximately 900 acres. The part we live on was purchased in 1869 (May 27) from C. H. Hackworth & sold to my father + mother in 1902 (April) George Alfred + Amanda Payne Alfred. There was 5 1/4 acres in this farm which was left to my sister + I upon death of mother + father in 1951 - 1945. My sister + I did divide the farm & my husband Lester Carr + I cared for + lived on the place until his death in 1964 - I continued to live on + care for place & remarried in 1968 my husband + I Leonard Clauson are living on + caring for the place now.

My Parents built a house + barn shortly after purchasing place + built the house we live in in 1911. The Oak tree which was the largest tree on the ranch when my grandfather purchased it stands in our front lawn & is 17 1/2 feet around.

At one time my father had most of

the farm planted to Orchard apples pears
apricots & Peaches - Having one of the best
commercial apricot orchard in the valley

Two of my sons live on the farm
the other has a piece of ground to build
on at one time 1/3 of my uncles
owned part of the Original farm.
there are 8 homes now on the property
my father Purchased in 1902 from
my Grandfather

State Department of Agriculture
Oregon Historical Society

CERTIFICATION OF OWNERSHIP OF CENTURY FARM

I hereby certify that the farm for which Ethel Clauson
Owner's name and address

5025 Fern Valley Rd med. is applying for Century Farm honors,

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

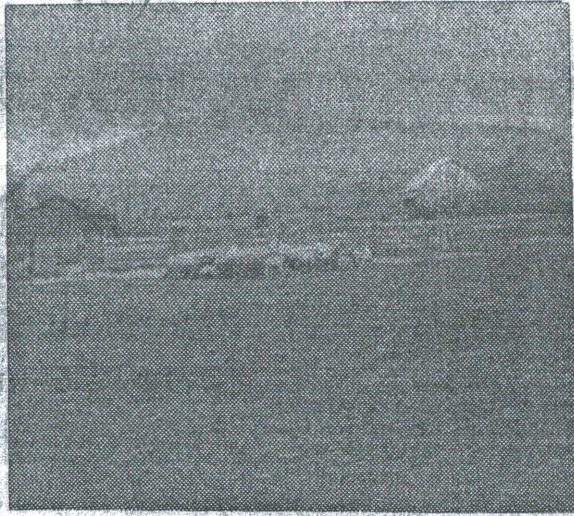
Henry F. Hodgkam Jr.
*County Commissioner ~~Recorder~~

Date: 12 June 1970

*Please strike office not applicable

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Jackson



Well Built Some of the buildings constructed in 1869 on the old Payne farm at Phoenix, Ore., are still in use by the present owners, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Clausen.

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Century Farm Keeps Its Pace

By MARY ALICE BRUSHA
A farm that has been in existence for over 100 years and is still being operated on a profitable basis is the Payne farm at 5012 Fern Valley Road, Phoenix, Ore.

Purchased in 1869 by the late Champ Payne and his wife, Elizabeth, the farm two years ago was enrolled in the Oregon Historical Society as a Century Farm in recognition of 100 years of service in the finest agriculture tradition of the state of Oregon.

On the Payne farm, not only are some of the same products being raised today as 100 years ago, but a number of the first buildings constructed are still being used and are in extremely good condition.

Owners and managers of the Payne farm today are Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Clausen. The latter, Ethel, is a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Champ Payne, who traveled from Missouri to

Oregon in a covered wagon pulled by oxen.

The family first settled in the Willamette Valley, but shortly afterwards moved to Southern Oregon to the farm that is still being used by members of the same family.

At one time through the acquisition of more land, the Payne spread covered a total of 900 acres. Thousands of choice beef cattle were raised on the green rolling hills and bottomland. Payne raised all the feed for his stock, as well as vegetables for family use. And as they were needed more buildings were added, new fences constructed and a family orchard was planted.

Following the death of the Paynes, George Alford and his wife, Amanda, a daughter of the Paynes, took over ownership and management of the farm. In addition to raising large herds of cattle and sheep, Alford planted one of the first commercial apricot and peach orchards in the Rogue Valley. In the late 1920's and early 1930's, he served as a Jackson County commissioner.

By this time almost all traces of the first home at the farm had been erased. In 1911, Alford began remodeling it, and in its place today stands a stately old home, typical of a southern villa. An old oak tree stands in front of the home. At the largest part of its trunk, it measures 19 feet, 8 inches around.

Mr. and Mrs. Clausen, Alford's daughter, have combined raising sheep with cattle, a program frowned upon by her grandfather, Payne, who like many other farmers in his day believed that sheep and cattle would not do well together. The Clausen have almost as many sheep as cattle, and they say the sheep make the most money for them.

"The returns from one ewe alone with the proper diet and care will more than pay for itself," Mrs. Clausen said. "One year out of 35 ewes, we got 13 sets of triplets."