

CFR 0169

Mrs. Amos Wilkins

APPLICATION FOR CENTURY FARM DOCUMENT

NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT

Mrs Amos Wilkins 482 Lawrence Street, Eugene, Oregon

NAME AND ADDRESS OF PRESENT OWNER OR OWNER - MANAGER

Mrs Amos Wilkins, 482 Lawrence Street, Eugene

NAME OF OWNER ON OR PRIOR TO 1858

Mitchel Wilkins

CHAIN OF OWNERSHIP AND RELATIONSHIP TO DATE

Mitchel Wilkins - his son Amos Wilkins his son's wife Varian ~~Babb~~ Wilkins -

and I have taken all the care of the land all these years - have paid the taxes and all expenses

RELATIONSHIP OF PRESENT OWNER

My daughter takes over when I am gone

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: DESIGNATE IF PART OF LAND GRANT; HOMESTEAD, DONATION LAND CLAIM, OR HOW ACQUIRED:

This is a "donation land claim" - 6 1/2 acres I keep it rented and my living comes from it - Amos Wilkins (my husband) died in 1924 - Plat # 3025, Claim 52 Secs 15-16, Twp 16S, R 32W.

RECORDS:

Original survey maps of Sept. 6, 1852 show the Mitchell Wilkins d. l. c.

The above information is true to the best of my knowledge.

Dated this 8th day of July, 1958

x Varian Babb Wilkins

Sign.

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Location and size of farm 9 miles north of Eugene near
Orburg - 695 acres.

Present owner Mrs. Amos Wilkins a Widow

Address 482 Lawrence St. Eugene

Do you live on this farm and farm the land? I lived on this
farm many years but I do not at the present time

Do you make \$150 a year or
more from this farm? Well I make enough to live on

If you live off this land, do you manage
the farm operation? yes I see to keep the farm
rented, pay the taxes, insurance, and upkeep.

Name and date of first generation owner Mitchel Wilkins took the
land claim in 1847. I married his son.

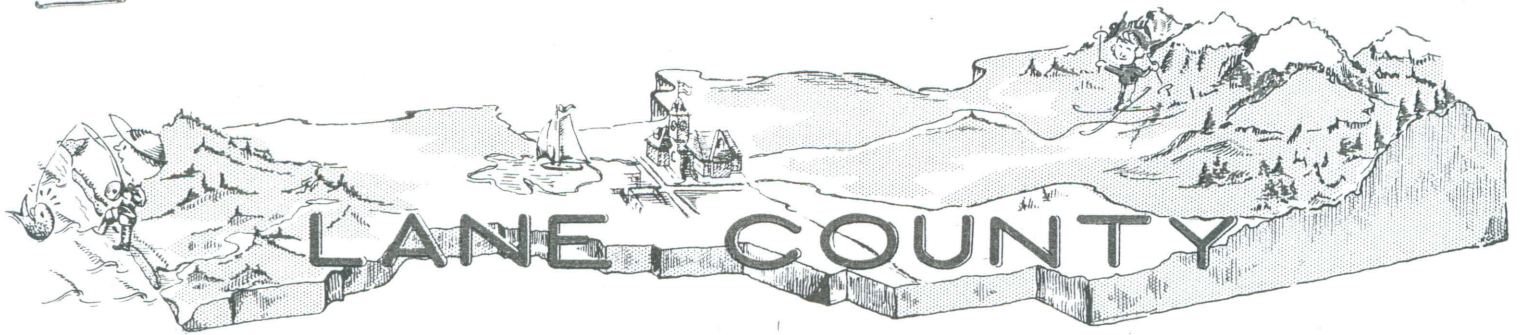
Brief description of farm We didnt get all the claim
as there were other children but we bought
part of them out and bought some other land too

History Part was pasture land but a good lot
was plow land - It really was a
beautiful place to live - I was born
in Eugene in 1861 - When I am done my daughter
takes over.

Mrs. Amos Wilkins

Signature of present owner

(Varian Babb Wilkins)



EUGENE, OREGON

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July 11, 1958

Mr. Robert J. Steward, Director
State Department of Agriculture
Salem, Oregon

Dear Mr. Steward:

The following persons have made applications to the Board for the Century Farm Document. Their applications have been checked by our office for accuracy and approved.

- ✓ (1) Ira M. Inman, Route 1, Box 140, Junction City, Oregon. Farm consists of 108 acres in the original Joel C. and Sophia Inman D. L. C. #43, Notif. # 4801, Sections 7 and 8, Township 17 South, Range 5 West, Willamette Meridian, Lane County, Oregon.
- ✓ (2) Mrs Amos (Varian Babb) Wilkins, 482 Lawrence Street, Eugene, Oregon. Farm consists of 640 acres. The original Mitchell Wilkins D. L. C. #52, Notif. # 3025, in Sections 15 and 16, Township 16 South, Range 3 West, Willamette Meridian, Lane County, Oregon.

These are the first two applications received and approved by our office but not the last.

Very truly yours,

Ralph Petersen, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

cc: Pioneer Historical Society, % Merle Moore, 2161 Madison St, Eugene

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Sept 3, 1958
Oldest Century Farmer



Mrs. Amos Wilkins of Eugene who will be 97 Saturday was honored Tuesday as the oldest of Oregon's 351 Century Farmers who attended the Oregon State Fair. A total of 401 century farmers had been certified, but 50 were unable to attend.

Age Doesn't Slow Eugene Woman; She Manages Farm

Ninety-seven years didn't phase Mrs. Amos Wilkins of Eugene, honored as the oldest "Oregon Farmer" Tuesday at the first annual Century Farm Day at Oregon State Fair.

Mrs. Wilkins, small and modestly dressed, walked gaily up to Gov. Robert D. Holmes, who was shaking hands with the 351 century farmers who turned out, shook his hand, accepted her embossed certificate and sat down to talk over the 97 years with news folk.

She was born at Coburn, near Eugene, on Sept. 6, 1861. Her father, Mitchell Wilkins, who crossed the plains, coming from North Carolina via Missouri, by covered wagon, filed on a Land Donation Claim at Coburn in 1847. Of the original 640 acres in the claim, all but 33 are now intact. The 33 went for the new Oregon freeway, Mrs. Wilkins said.

Manages The Farm

While she manages the farm, collects the rent and sees to it that it is run properly, Mrs. Wilkins lives in a home built by J. W.

Johnson, first president of the University of Oregon, which she attended before the turn of the century.

It took almost two hours for the crowd to file past the governor, as he greeted each one after the master of ceremonies, Thomas Vaughan, director of the Oregon Historical Society, had announced the name over a microphone.

The farm families were welcomed by Mrs. Elmer Berg, chairman of the Oregon State Fair commission, and Frank McKennon, chief of the plant division of the State Department of Agriculture. McKennon substituted for Robert Steward, director, who was absent because of the death of his father.

Moisan Descendants

Prizes for the family representing the oldest farm went to descendants of the James H. Moisan family, who filed a claim near Brooks on July 4, 1842. Representing the family Tuesday were Edythe M. Cary, Salem; Arthetta Moisan Barcus, Albena Moisan Lanus, and Albert and Agnes Moisan Nys, all of Brooks.

In greeting the Century Farmers, Gov. Holmes reminded the listeners that "our oldest industry is still our second largest".

Exhibited by one of the Century Farmers, A. A. Geer, Salem, was a State Fair premium check made out to Col. R. C. Geer by the State Fair Board in 1880.

At the Century Farm program Henry Hendrickson represented the grange; Herbert Rolph, the Farmers Union and Larry Brown, the Farm Bureau.