

CFR 0174

Cecil H. Wheeler

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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 ←

PRINT

Your name (Mr., Mrs., Miss) Mr. Cecil H. Wheeler

Your address: Route 2 Box 795 Town Creswell, Oregon

Location of farm: about 9 miles northwest of Eugene and 3 miles west of Irving

County: Lane. Acres: In your farm? 67 +. In original farm? 320.

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

Name of founder of farm (please print): Isaac William Bond & Hetty Bond husband & wife

What year did founder settle on the farm? 1853. How many families have farmed this land through the years? three owners

Are any of original buildings still in use? no

What do you raise on farm today? Hay

Who farms land today: You X; a renter _____; a manager _____; other _____

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

What relation are you to the original owner? grandson

If you know original crops or livestock of this farm, please list _____

Oats & Wheat some livestock

How many generations live on the farm today? none

Has the farm ever been rented? crop rent. How many times has original farm been divided? 3

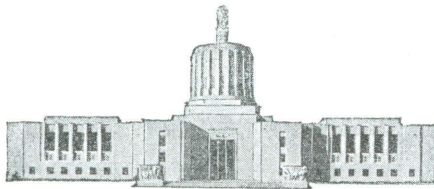
PLEASE list here or on separate page other historical facts you know about this farm _____

see separate page--- After his daughter and her husband acquired, ranch they rented on share crop. Will enclose copy of rent. Now we farm ourselves.

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

Cecil H. Wheeler
Signature of Owner



STATE OF OREGON
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
SALEM

August 4, 1960

Mr. Cecil H. Wheeler
Route 2, Box 795
Creswell, Oregon

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

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

REGISTRATION CENTURY FARM CELEBRATION

OREGON STATE FAIR, September 6, 1960

1. Check which year you received Century Farm Award:

1958 _____

1959 _____

1960 x _____

2. Name: Cecil H Wheeler

3. Postoffice Address: Creswell RR 2 Box 795 Ore.

4. What county is your Century Farm in? Lane

5. How old is your farm? 107. How old are you? 62

6. Who founded your Century Farm? Issac & Hetty Bond

7. How many miles did you travel to come today? ninety

8. How many years have you belonged to the Oregon Historical Society or your County Historical Society? no

9. How many generations of your family live on the farm today? no, 2 farm it

10. How many exhibits do you have at the 1960 Oregon State Fair? no

What are they? _____

EXCERPTS FROM BOND HISTORY

Isaac William Bond was born Dec. 19, 1827, in Shanidoah County Virginia. He moved with his parents and brothers and sisters to Indiana when he was just a boy. He died May 22, 1915 in Lane County, Oregon.

Hetty McClure, was born August 19, 1835, in Knox County Indiana, died April 14, 1901 in Lane County, Oregon.

Isaac William Bond and Hetty McClure, were married October 9, 1851, in Knox county Indiana, and lived near Oaktown, and Bruceville, Indiana, until March 1853 when they started to Oregon with wagon and ox team.

They drove on about 9 miles northwest of Eugene, and about three miles west of where Irving now is, and settled there. The government at that time, offered donations of land to settlers, 160 acres to the husband, and 160 to the wife, of which they availed themselves. (October, 1853)

William (Isaac William Bond) and Hetty Bond built a log cabin and lived in it until a few years later, they built a three room house, and used the log house for a granery. In 1874 or 1875, they built a nice large house, and spent the rest of their lives there. They both died in that house and were buried in the Luper cemetary near Irving.

The first few years in Oregon were pretty hard years. The place was all to fence, and improvements to make. There was no timber close, so they had to go to the river 6 or 7 miles for wood. William would take his lunch and go to the river and split rails all day. It took quite a while to get enough to fence the place all around and lots of hard work. There was grass all around at that time, almost as high as a mans head. There was quite a lot of wild cattle here. They had trails through the grass and would go in droves (single file) to the river or lake each day for water. They could just see their backs above the grass. There were Indians too, but they didn't give them much trouble. After they got the place fenced and fixed up some, William hauled freight from Portland to Eugene with ox team and wagon. It took several days for the trip.

Williams main work was farming after he got the place in cultivation and their boys got large enough to help. They raised some big crops of wheat and oats. The land was all level and had nice large fields. For several years after he commenced farming, they harvested the grain by cutting it with reap hooks, then put it on the barn floor in a circle and drove the horses round and around over it to tramp the grain out.

Back Whole only 4

William and Hetty Bond had ten children, as follows:

Vincent Scott, was born April 23, 1854, died Feb. 27, 1921
Joseph Wolfe, was born August 8, 1855, died Feb 15, 1898
Louisa Elizabeth was born Dec. 12, 1856, died July 6, 1924
William Loretto, was born April 17, 1859, died June 8, 1879
Allen Watson was born Dec. 15, 1861, died Sept 15, 1936
Mary Ann was born Dec. 30, 1863, died July 10, 1900
Emma Jane was born July 25, 1866
Eliza Catherine was born October 11, 1868, died Nov. 13, 1946
Hetty Amanda was born August 29, 1870
Robert Bruce, was born, February 15, 1873, died recently

The present owner is the son of the founders daughter,
Eliza Catherine.

Carl H. White

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Barely	17,510 lbs. total $\frac{1}{3} = 5,833$ lb @ \$42 $\pi =$	122.50
Oats	2,506 lbs total $\frac{1}{3} = 835$ lb. @ \$40 $\pi =$	16.70
Wheat	6,410 lbs total $\frac{1}{3} = 2,137$ lb @ \$56 $\pi =$	59.84
Rye Grass	4,270 lb. clean seed @ \$8.50 --- \$362.95	
	Less warehouse expense <u>53.10</u>	
		$309.85 - \frac{1}{3} = 103.28$
	1946# rye grass screenings @ \$8 π	
	\$7.78 $- \frac{1}{3} =$ <u>2.59</u>	
		<u>\$304.91</u>
	Total	

Harwood Brothers

Gail H. White

3.00

Springfield Ore
Sept 30, 1953

Mr H. C. Wheeler

am enclosing check for payment of your
Crop on Farm

there was 246 shs wheat you $\frac{1}{3}$ 82
" " 98 " oats " " 33

The wheat weighed

10149
@ 32.5
5094.5
20298
30447
3,298.625

The oats weighed 3090

250
@ 154500
6180
772500
3298625
4487.1125

I sold the grain bulk so wont charge
you for sacks and got them back
have the place all in for the
fall yours Geo Bogus

Cent H Wheeler

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Allen's

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Cecil Wheeler Place Qualifies for State Century Farm Listing

One of 18 Oregon farms qualifying this year for Century Farm honors under a program sponsored by the Oregon Historical Society and the State Department of Agriculture is that owned by Cecil H. Wheeler, Creswell Route 2, Box 795.

This place is on the Edvenvale Road.

To qualify, a farm must be owned or operated continuously in the same family for 100 years or more.

Three Lane county farms were added this year to the state list, one at Cottage Grove and one at Junction City. The 18 brings to 416 the number of Century farms listed since the program was initiated three years ago.

As in past years, the Century Farm program will climax this year at a special program at Oregon State Fair. This will be held Tuesday, Sept. 6, with Governor Mark O. Hatfield slated to present the Century Farm parchment scroll to the honored farmers, whose applications were certified by their respective county courts.

Joining in the special ceremonies will be Century Farmers named in 1958 and 1959.

A special luncheon honoring the Century Farmers present at the fair will be sponsored by the Oregon - Washington Farmers Union, the Oregon State Grange and the Oregon Farm Bureau Federation.