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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) RAYMOND S. KIRK

Your address: Route 1 Box 10 Town HALSEY

Location of farm: 3 Mile South East HALSEY

County: LINN. Acres: In your farm? 284. In original farm? 160.

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

Name of founder of farm (please print): HENRY H. KIRK

What year did founder settle on the farm? 1860. How many families have farmed

this land through the years? 3 generations of KIRKS

Are any of original buildings still in use? No

What do you raise on farm today? Rye grass seed & OATS

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? LIVE ON FARM

What relation are you to the original owner? GRANDSON

If you know original crops or livestock of this farm, please list wheat & oats

How many generations live on the farm today? two (Me & my children)

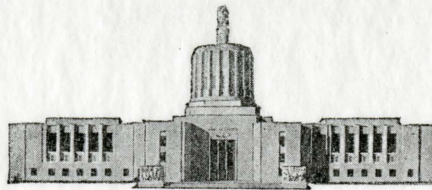
Has the farm ever been rented? NO. How many times has original farm been divided? 0

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

Raymond S. Kirk
Signature of Owner



STATE OF OREGON
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
SALEM

August 4, 1960

Mr. Raymond S. Kirk
Route 1, Box 10
Halsey, Oregon

Dear Mr. Kirk:

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

December 14, 1960

Mrs. Raymond S. Kirk
Halsey
Oregon

Dear Mrs. Kirk:

Thank you for your letter of December 1, 1960 inquiring about the Century Farm sign for the front of your home. I think this is a fine idea. Several years ago the Society arranged to have these signs prepared. The only drawback was that a minimum order of ten was necessary for a reasonable cost of around \$10. The response at the time was not too great, therefore little action was taken. Those interested were then referred directly to the company.

6E5-8531 We have had three inquiries this year. I have referred all to The Traffic Safety Supply Co., 2636 N.E. Sandy, Portland. You may wish to write to them. I am sure they will prepare a sign. They have the design used several years ago. I am not sure, however, of the cost.

Please let us know what you decided.

Best wishes,

Robert C. Scott
Public Services Representative

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: RAYMOND S. KIRK

3. Postoffice Address: HALSEY

4. What county is your Century Farm in? LINN

5. How old is your farm? 100. How old are you? 41

6. Who founded your Century Farm? HENRY H. KIRK

7. How many miles did you travel to come today? 40

8. How many years have you belonged to the Oregon Historical Society or your County Historical Society? 0

9. How many generations of your family live on the farm today? 2

10. How many exhibits do you have at the 1960 Oregon State Fair? 0

What are they? _____

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Dear Sirs,

When we received our Century Farm Honor this past summer we inquired about a Century Farm Sign for in front of our home.

We were told to write you to see about there availability. Could you give us this information?

Where they can be obtained for we would like one for we are proud of this honor.

Thank You
Mrs Raymond S. Kirk
Halsey, Oreg.

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Ray Kirk Farm Now 'Century'

The Raymond S. Kirk farm of Route 1, Halsey is one of the 18 Oregon farms qualifying this year for Century Farm honors under the program sponsored by the Oregon Historical Society and the State Department of Agriculture.

Initiated three years ago, the program now has 416 Century Farms enrolled. To qualify, a farm must have been owned and operated by the same family continuously for 100 years or more.

As in past years, the Century Farm program will be climaxed this year at the Oregon State Fair, next Tuesday, Sept. 6, with Gov. Mark Hatfield slated to present Century Farm parchment scrolls to the honored farmers, whose applications were certified by their respective county courts.

Oldest farm qualifying this year is owned by Mrs. Bertha Vaughan Jones, in Clackamas County, which was settled in 1844. The "youngest" Century Farm is the Kirk place, which was settled in 1860.