

CFR 0266

Harold L. Shedd

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--1965
(Rules attached)

Deadline for filing application: June 15, 1965

PLEASE PRINT

Your name (Mr., Mrs., Miss) Harold L. Shedd

Your address: Route 1 P.O. Box 117 Town Shedd

Location of farm: Shedd (Address) Linn (County)

Acres in your farm today 260.72. Acres in original farm 334.

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

Name of founder of farm (please print): Capt. Frank Shedd

Year founder settled on farm? 1865. Where did he come from? Preemption- Mercer Co. Illinois

How many families have farmed this land? Three, Capt Shedd, Ellsworth Shedd and Bertha

Are any of original buildings still in use? Shedd, his son and Daughter, H L Shedd Grandson
The house and barn built in 1871 still in use

Who farms land today? You ? A renter x? A manager ? Other

If you own the farm but live in town, do you manage the farming operation? Share crop rent We reside on a
part of the farm, and plan farming operations with renter who lives in the

What relation are you to the original owner? A Grandson original buildings

If you know crops or livestock raised on farm 100 years ago, please list Hay- Grains

Fruit- Horses-- mules- cows.

What do you raise on farm today? Rye Grass- Blue Grass Barley- Rye- Walnuts

Filberts Oats- Orchard Grass and a little wheat

How many generations live on the farm today? (Names) One- Harold L. Shedd and

Lucile Shedd- Grand children of Capt Frank Shedd

Has the farm ever been rented? No. How many times has original farm been divided? once

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.

Harold L. Shedd
Signature of Owner

SUBMITTED BY: Harold L. Shedd- Shedd Oregon

(Name and address)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Captain Frank Shedd, left Preemption Illinois, accompanied by his family, to make the long journey across the plains to Oregon, on May 2, 1864.

After five months of weary travel he reached the Willamette Valley about the 1st of October, and located at Boston for the winter, this being the site of the Boston Roller Mills, erected in 1858, and now known as the Thompson Flouring Mills.

In Feb. of 1865 Capt. Shedd purchased the farm which was the original land claim of Joseph Hite.

In 1871 Mr Shedd donated a strip of land sixty feet wide thru his farm for the right of way of what was then known as the Oregon and California Railroad. The land on which the original town of Shedd was built was donated by Mr. Shedd, and deed by him to Lawrence Higgins for this purpose on June 23, 1871. Mr Higgins laid out the town adjoining the Shedd farm, and dedicated it to the public on Oct. 30, 1871.

About this same time Mr Shedd replaced the older buildings with a two story fourteen room house and a very commodious barn. These buildings are still standing and are being used.

An interesting anecdote of these early days was this- In 1874 Capt Shedd was elected to the legislature and of course was obliged to travel to and from the State Capitol. The railroad passed thru his apple orchard, and many a time the train stopped and the crew filled their sacks with apples, and were quite welcome. It was not a one sided gesture however, for whenever Grandfather Shedd wanted to take the train, he simply stood by the gate, the train stopped and he went aboard, and upon returning they allowed him to alight right in front of his house, and in a matter of minutes he was again reunited with his family. That is one convenience, which we, in this fast moving era, are not priviled to enjoy.

In addition to farming Capt. Shedd operated a shop, in which he did repairing and blacksmithing, along with woodworking. Neighbors came from far and near ^{for} his services. Much of his own furniture was turned out on a lathe in this shop, with one of his boys turning the large wheel to operate the lathe.

State Department of Agriculture
Oregon Historical Society

CERTIFICATION OF OWNERSHIP OF CENTURY FARM

I hereby certify that the farm for which Harold L. Shedd
owner's name and address
Shedd, Oregon is applying for Century Farm honors,

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

Date: April 20 1965

Stella E. Hoover
~~County Commissioner~~ Recorder

*Please strike office not applicable