

CFR 0271

Marlow D. and Melvin C. Jenks

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) Marlowe D. Jenks & Melvin C. Jenks (Partnership)Your address: Route 1 P.O. Box 146 Town TangentLocation of farm: Route 1, Box 146, Tangent Linn
(Address) (County)Acres in your farm today: 215 Acres in original farm: 215Does your farm comply with U.S. Census definition at top of page? YesName of founder of farm (please print): James Benton JenksYear founder settled on farm? 1866 Where did he come from? Fillmore, MissouriHow many families have farmed this land? One - Four generationsAre any of original buildings still in use? Yes - Part of original homeWho 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? What relation are you to the original owner? GrandsonsIf you know crops or livestock raised on farm 100 years ago, please list Wheat,
oats, cheat, barley, cattle, hogs, horses, fruits and vegetables.What do you raise on farm today? Poultry and grass seedsHow many generations live on the farm today? (Names) Two generations- Marlowe D. Jenks
family and Melvin C. Jenks family. Enoch M. Jenks (father) passed away in

Nov/69

Has the farm ever been rented? No How many times has original farm been divided? none

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

Marlowe D. Jenks
Melvin C. Jenks

Signature of Owner

Submitted by: Melvin C. Jenks - Marlowe D. Jenks, Rt 1, Box 146, Tangent, Ore
(Name and Address) 97389

The farm was purchased by James Benton Jenks in the fall of 1866, after crossing the Oregon Trail.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

He arrived with four small children and six more children were born on this farm; 9 boys and one girl in all. All of the boys purchased farms in the Tangent area and farmed there all of their lives.

Enoch Jenks, our father, who was the youngest son of the family remained on the home place and farmed it all of his life. He passed away in November, 1969, at the age of 89.

The following is a quotation from the Jenks Centennial Book published in 1966 on the 100th anniversary of the family's arrival in Oregon.

"After a long, tiresome trip beset with many dangers, the trip was at last completed. They landed, as was the usual expression, at the old Watson place, near the scene of the present Linn County Poor Farm, situated 3 to 4 miles southeast of Albany. The family was very tired and hungry and very much appreciated the kind hospitality of Mr. Watson, who plentifully supplied them with food and other things.

It now became apparent that a home must be selected. They were too late to take up homesteads. Some of the earlier homesteaders took up a section of land as was the case with Perry Knighten, a near neighbor bordering the farm on the south. The place selected was the original homestead of Charles Williams and wife, Lucy Ann Williams, located one-half to one mile south of the present town of Tangent. This homestead was taken up under Notification No. 2004, and was designated as Claim No. 52. The boundary was, and is in our possession. The part of this original homestead as described above was purchased from Jas. W. Savage and C. W. Savage, his wife, and comprised 139 acres. The price paid for this was \$1,000.00 and was bought December 26, 1866. This tract of land comprises the west part of the old home."

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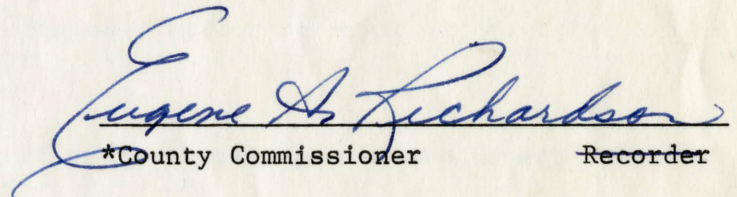
CERTIFICATION OF OWNERSHIP OF CENTURY FARM

I hereby certify that the farm for which Melvin C. Jenks and Marlowe

Owner's name and address

D. Jenks, Rt. 1, Box 146, Tangent is applying for Century Farm honors,

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


*County Commissioner Recorder

Date: _____

*Please strike office not applicable



STATE OF OREGON
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
SALEM 97310

August 2, 1966

Mr. Melvin C. Jenks
Route 1, Box 146
Tangent, Oregon

Dear Mr. Jenks:

Director Short is pleased to approve your application and we are sending it on today with our recommendation to the Century Farm co-sponsor, the Oregon Historical Society, that the Century Farm certificate be awarded at your 100th centennial reunion.

Thank you very much for the application.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Genevieve Morgan", is written over the typed name.

Genevieve Morgan, Head
Information Service

GM:bg

cc-Ore. His. Society ✓

*Tom - Hope this
meets your approval!*

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APPLICATION FOR CENTURY FARM HONORS--1965
(Rules attached)

Deadline for filing application: June 15, 1965

PLEASE PRINT

Your name (Mr., Mrs., Miss) Enoch M. Jenks, Marlowe D. Jenks, Melvin C. Jenks

Your address: Route 1 P.O. Box 146 Town Tangent, Ore.

Location of farm: Tangent, Ore., (1 mile south) Linn
(Address) (County)

Acres in your farm today 210. Acres in original farm 210.

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

Name of founder of farm (please print): James Benton Jenks

Year founder settled on farm? 1866. Where did he come from? Missouri

How many families have farmed this land? One family - three generations

Are any of original buildings still in use? Yes, part of the home

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? _____

What relation are you to the original owner? Son and grandsons

If you know crops or livestock raised on farm 100 years ago, please list Wheat, oats,
cattle and hogs

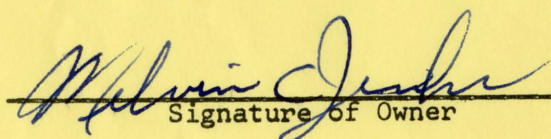
What do you raise on farm today? grass seeds and poultry

How many generations live on the farm today? (Names) Three generations
E. M. Jenks, Marlowe Jenks
and family, Melvin Jenks and family.

Has the farm ever been rented? No. How many times has original farm been divided? None

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.


Signature of Owner

SUBMITTED BY:

Malvin C Jenks, Rt 1, Box 146, Targent,
(Name and address) Ore.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

James Benton Jenks and his wife located on this farm in the late fall of 1866. They raised a family of nine sons and one daughter. All of the sons bought farms and located in the Targent area. Enoch Jenks, the youngest son, remained on the original home farm.

Enoch has two sons, Marlowe and Melvin, who are in partnership on this farm. Enoch Jenks established a poultry hatchery in 1910 on this farm and started the original Jenks Hatchery. This hatchery is now the largest and oldest operating chicken hatchery in the Northwest and produces almost five million chicks annually.

Enoch Jenks is now 85 years of age and is still moderately active in the farm and poultry operation.

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Melvin C. Jenks & Marlaue D. Jenks owner's name and address
Rt 1, Box 146, Targent, Ore is applying for Century Farm honors,

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

Date: July 30, 1966

Floyd D. Jenks
*County Commissioner Recorder

*Please strike office not applicable