

CFR 0282

Arthetta Moisan Barchus

APPLICATION FOR CENTURY FARM HONORS

LOCATION AND SIZE OF FARM 1/2 mile South - 1 mile east
of Brooks - 86 acres

Present owner Arthetta Moisan Barchus

Address A-1- Box 273c Brooks Ore

Do you live on this farm and farm the land? Yes

Do you make \$150 a year or more from this farm? Yes

If you live off this land, do you manage the farm operation Yes - I operate

6 acres of Favisish beans and rutabagas.

Name and date of first generation owner Thomas Moisan
July 4, 1842

Brief Description of farm We raise Orms and
grains - 18 acres of timber -

History _____

Arthetta Barchus
Signature of present owner

APPLICATION FOR CENTURY FARM HONORS

STATE OF OREGON -)

COUNTY OF MARION)

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LOCATION AND SIZE OF FARM

Present owner

Address

On this 17 day of July, 1958, before me, a notary public, the undersigned officer, personally appeared Betha Maize Bonchus, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that she executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

SEAL

Notary Public for Oregon

My Commission Expires Jan. 22, 1959

History

Signature of present owner

Phone: 665-3068

Mrs. Imogene Mallett of 1827 N. W. Division, Gresham, called to say her family had owned until four years ago the oldest farm in Oregon..near Salem. It was so pronounced at the State Centennial celebration of Century Farms in 1959. Family farm of the Moisan's.

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Oregon's First Farmer Staked His Claim Near Brooks; Thomas Moisan's Story Found in Century Farmer Hunt

By LILLIE L. MADSEN
Farm Editor, The Statesman

Back in 1842 when the Willamette Valley was green forest and bits of unwooded prairie, Thomas Moisan crossed the Great Plains, liked the looks of the green area and staked himself a claim to become Oregon's first farmer.

This story of Oregon's oldest farm was unearthed during the recently completed search for Oregon Century Farmers, a search sponsored by Robert Steward, director of the Oregon State Department of Agriculture, and Thomas Vaughn, Oregon historical society director.

The Moisan claim lies near Brooks and is now owned by four direct descendants of the original owner, Arthetta Moisan Barcus, Albena Moisan Lanius and Albert P. and Agnes Moisan Mys, all of Brooks, and Edythe M. Cary, 249 Cottage St. S.E., Salem.

Marion County Claims

Not only did the search reveal that Marion County has the first Oregon Farm, but the No. 1 Land Donation Claim also lies in Marion County.

The No. 1 land patent was filed by King Hibbard in Waldo Hills and now belongs to Fenton and Faye Starr, direct descendants.

Sponsors of the project which brought out 332 farmers whose names were certified for the honor of Century Farmer, report that response to the search was "far beyond early expectations."

"We actually hoped that we might get 100 names of people who still own or live on farms which ancestors laid claim to or bought a century or more ago. We are completely amazed to find so many ancestral homes in Oregon," Steward said in announcing results.

210 Farms Represented

The list represents 210 farms settled by the ancestors of the certified claimants more than 100 years ago. The present-day owners either live on and farm the land, or manage the farm operations. In most cases the farm has, like in Oregon's first farm, been divided so that two or three descendants now own the old land donation claim.

The project of ferreting out owners of farms which have been in the family for a century or

more was developed as a "promotion thought" for the 1959 Oregon Centennial.

Climaxing the Century Farm program will be the Century Farm Day planned for Sept. 2 at the Oregon State Fair which opens Aug. 28. Manager Howard Maple reports that while the program details are not yet ready to be announced, the day will be "fittingly observed even to an oldtime picnic in the old camp grounds at the State Fair."

14 Counties Listed

Fourteen counties are represented in the claims, the names for which were all checked by the judges in each county before they were submitted to the State Department of Agriculture for verification and certification.

Marion County produced the most applicants, 67 in all. Linn County was not far behind with 55, and Yamhill was third with 26.

Only one county east of the Cascades — Wasco with three Century Farmers — is represented.

Marion County Century Farmers have already been listed by The Statesman.

Certifying from Polk County were Grace Austin, North Woodburn; Roy E. Barker, Zena; Velna Walker, Mary C. Stewart, Dan Blair, R. R. Blair, Buell; Edith E. Burch, Mary E. Burch, S. Aurelia Burch, P. T. Frizzell, Rick-reall; Clara Brunk, Ernest C. Brunk, Byron J. LeNore and Lawrence R. Purvine, Salem; Alta C. Cerny, Kenneth Gardner, Wiley Gardner, Tracy and Edna E. Savery, Hardin Smith, Silas E. Starr, Mrs. Annis Tilgner, Dallas; Dorothy and Grenold Collins, Orville H. Hill, Independence; Christie Debrick, Esther Fawk, Willamina; Lillian M. Harrison, Margaret M. Purvine, Ethel Bentley Winter, Portland; Madie Hayes, Manning; Constance Henderson, Corvallis; Yvonne and Donald Henery, Rittie Kerber, Monmouth; Glenn A. Hill, Bessie Wirfs, Sheridan; Cassie L. Sechrist, Ballston.

Yamhill 'Farmers'

From Yamhill County are Valine Allen, Harry Starr, Amity; Jessie L. Beaty, Salem; Walter W. and Lefa B. Berry, Bessie Blanche Handley, Eldon W. Martin, Orville L. Murray, Harold Owens, Lloyd and Elsie Rowland, Erma S. Shelburne, Elsie S. Warmington; McMinnville; Glen and Helen E. Dickey, Robert C. and Goldie A.

Smith, Mabel L. Winters, Ira Winters, Sheridan; Della R. Edwards, Harry P. Robertson, Myles M. Robertson, Dundee; Archie C. and Esther O. Everest, Arthur F. and Gladys L. Everest, R. Kenneth Gumm, Elva O. Jones, Maude L. and Leonard D. Lichtenthaler, Bertha B. Parrett, Robert E. Parrett, Forrest Parrett Smith, Newberg; Walter M. and Margaret G. Everest, Oceanlake; Lucile K. Gilchrist, Lillian M. Harrison, Eley A. Parrish, Portland; Donald Goodrich, Leonard Goodrich, Marion Goodrich, Mr. and Mrs. Russell May, Norman Reid, Dayton; Leland L. Hutt, Leo R. and Crystal B. Morris Yamhill; Charles F. and Carry M. Laughlin, Ronald F. and Marion E. Johnston, Edward D. and Florence A. Lamson, Ward and Elizabeth Mendenhall, Willamina; Ray L. Parrish, Canby; Al-

len Robbins, Eugene; Ina Stillwell Taggart, Ontario; Alice and R. W. Williams, Carlton.

From Linn County are Dillard Alford, Verl E. C. Burkhart, Harrisburg; Otto E. Alford, Eugene; Mrs. Otis Beard, Frank Bellinger, Alfred Wheeler, Charles Wheeler, Dean Wheeler, Robert Wheeler, Scott Wheeler, Lebanon; Mable Bowman, Hazel Sims, Venus M. Tindall, Pearl Rice, Stayton; Tempa Jean Brock, Mabel R. Farwell, Janet C. Herring, Mrs. C. C. Jacoby, E. F. Morgan, Lena Springer Pugh, Harry Sprenger, Delmer Stenson, Shedd; Leander K. Burkhart, Zella M. Burkhart, Winnie Cade, J. A. Hamilton, John Hamilton, Charles L. Jones, Kenneth H. Miller, Lottie E. Morgan, Harold K. Mullen, Lydia Mullen, J. P. Swank, Albany; Jack B. Cochran, Ella Frum Cushman, Grace Gun-

derston, Alice Cochran Shelton, Brownsville.

Clarence R. Evans, Velma Alford Evans, Halsey; Alice Ingram Frank, Tillamook; G. A. Griffin, W. J. Kelly, Maysel Montgomery Lyon, Fred M. Mespelt, Darrel C. Montgomery, Vardie E. Shelton, Scio; Harold K. Jackson, W. C. Scott, Mack Slate Jr., Thomas R. Sprenger, Tangent; Lena S. McFarland, Cottage Grove; Jeannie W. Rice, Edgar S. Russell, Sweet Home; Ralph R. Robnett, Crawfordsville; Pearl M. Thompson, Portland.

Clackamas List

Clackamas County furnishes George W. Albright, Kreta Albright, Ronald Albright Ashoe, Edna M. Durant, Carl Francis Jackson, Harvey Lee and Flora Jackson, Gladys Jackson, Esther

Jackson Willbroad, Alfred T. Wright, Molalla.

Vida Albright Ashoe, M. Angel, Harold R. Baker, Lowell Baker, Raymond Baker, Roy E. Baker, Mavel Voss Smith, Ninya Voss Vi-anene, Albert Voss, Eda J. Voss, Ivy M. Voss, Joseph A. Voss, Sherwood, William E. Baker, West Linn, Homer C. Glover, Eagle Creek, Marian Kirchem, Oregon City, Fred Klingler, Canby; Elmer W. Kruse, Rosa Kruse, Willsonville; Minnie Albright Liechty, Salem; Vesta I. Mark, Ray Yergen, Aurora; Mr. and Mrs. Omar Marquam, Ross Marquam, Marquam; L. J. Palmateer, Estacada; Monton Sprague, Milwaukie; Wilbur Wilmot, Lake Grove.

Other counties represented include Benton, Clatsop, Coos, Douglas, Jackson, Josephine, Lane, Multnomah, and Wasco.

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5064 Founder's Descendants Working Moisan Farm

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By ROBERT SHEPARD

SALEM (UPI) — On July 4, 1842 a French Canadian by the name of Thomas Moisan began farming on a 640 acre plot southeast of Brooks.

The farm was not Oregon's first nor the largest, but over the years it has earned a particular distinction. It is the oldest known farm in the state still owned by descendants of the original founder.

The Moisan farms' unique position in Oregon history came to light through the century farm program, a joint effort by the State Department of Agriculture and the Oregon Historical Society, which seeks to identify farms that have been operated by one family for 100 years or more.

The program was started in 1958 in conjunction with Oregon's centennial celebration. It was continued yearly for two more years and then put on a five-year basis. A total of 457 farms has so far qualified for the century honors.

A new registration campaign is now underway to locate century farms that may have been missed previously or farms that have recently reached the 100 year mark.

For a farm to be eligible for recognition as a century farm the owner must be living on the farm and operating it or managing it from a town residence. The family's ownership or operation of the farm must have been continuous for 100 years.

The line of ownership from the original settler or buyer may be through children, brothers and sisters, nephews and nieces including adopted family members. Ownership and operation must be verified by a county judge, commission chairman or county recorder.

To qualify as a farm, the property must be 10 acres or more with agricultural sales of \$50 or more per year, or \$250 per year if the property is less than 10 acres.