

CFR 0299

A.A. Geer

APPLICATION FOR CENTURY FARM HONORS

Location and size of farm Sec 21, 22, 27 & 28 T7 S R-1W  
640 Acres Recorded Vol. 3 pg. 336 Marion Co. deeds

Present owner A. A. Geer

Address 3475 Garden Road Salem, Or

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?

Name and date of first generation owner R. C. and Mary C. Geer

Brief description of farm 12 miles east of Salem, Or.  
& Court House

History R. C. and Mary C. Geer to L. B. Geer  
and wife to A. A. Geer present owner

Pat. from U. S. of America to R. C. and  
Mary C. Geer Oct 16, 1958

A. A. Geer  
Signature of present owner

STATE OF OREGON

SS

COUNTY OF MARION

On this 17 day of July, 1958, before me, a notary public, the undersigned officer, personally appeared

known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he 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

Signature of present owner

1958

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CENTURY FARM REGISTRATION

OREGON STATE FAIR -- SEPTEMBER 8, 1959

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- 1. Name: A. A. Geer
- 2. Postoffice Address: 3391 Market, N.E. Salem
- 3. County in which your farm is located: Marion
- 4. How old is your farm? 101 yrs. How old are you? 74.
- 5. Who founded your Century Farm? R.C. Geer
- 6. How many miles did you travel to come today? Lives in Salem
- 7. Did you receive a Century Farm award at last year's State Fair? yes
- 8. Do you have Century Farm land on both husband and wife sides of the family? no
- 9. How many generations of your family live on the farm today? None
- 10. How many exhibits do you have at the 1959 Oregon State Fair? None  
 What are they? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 11. How many years have you belonged to the Oregon Historical Society or your county Historical Society? None

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REGISTRATION CENTURY FARM CELEBRATION

OREGON STATE FAIR, September 6, 1960

1. Check which year you received Century Farm Award:

1958  \_\_\_\_\_  
1959 \_\_\_\_\_  
1960 \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name: A A Geer

3. Postoffice Address: 3391 Market St Salem Ore

4. What county is your Century Farm in? Marion

5. How old is your farm? 1848. How old are you? 76

6. Who founded your Century Farm? P.C. Geer

7. How many miles did you travel to come today? 2

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

9. How many generations of your family live on the farm today? 3

10. How many exhibits do you have at the 1960 Oregon State Fair? None

What are they? \_\_\_\_\_

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## Ranch Ramblings

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By RURAL REPORTER

**CENTENNIAL FAMILIES**—Again we rambled up through the Waldo Hills where much of Oregon's early farm history was born. We noted repairs being made to the old Geer Homestead on the far east end of Garden Road which starts out as Market Street in Salem.

The good-sized old farmstead, we recall having heard, was built in 1851 and finished in 1852 by Ralph Geer, who bought out a squatter in 1847 and took over the land donation claim in 1848. The window and door openings were cut out before the windows and doors themselves arrived around the Horn, and so an inch strip was fitted into place to hold the "civilized fixings" when they finally arrived.

Only 80 acres are now left in the original homestead and this belongs to A. A. Geer, known to his many friends as "Arch." His father, Byron Geer, a son of Ralph, acquired the farm after his father, and Arch began its management around 1900. He moved to Salem in 1931 but has retained management—as well as ownership—of the place. He and Mrs. Geer are planning to complete remodeling sufficiently to occupy the place before Oregon turns its century. In the mean time they are bee farming—with 16 colonies—on their "farm" at 3475 Garden Road, Salem.

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