

CFR 0326

Albert P. and Agnes Moisan Nys

APPLICATION FOR THE CENTURE FARM HONORS

Location and size of farm 8 Miles North of Salem, Oregon

37.5 Acres

Present owner Albert P. & Agnes Moisan Nys (Jointly)

Address Route 1 Box 230, Brooks, Oregon

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

Name and date of first generation owner Thomas & H. Moisan as recorded in

Volume 1 Page 418 of Deed Record of Marion County November 17, 1856, D.L.C.

Brief description of farm Used for general farming

History This farm is part of the donation land claim of Thomas Moisan who

settled here in 1842 Agnes Moisan Nys is the granddaughter of Thomas Moisan.

This property has been held continuously by some member of the family since

that time. Daughter of J. H. Moisan

Agnes Moisan Nys  
Signature of present owner

Nora E. Westling  
Witness

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Hazel E. Nys  
Notary Public  
My commission expires June 25, 1960

APPLICATION FOR THE GENTLE FARM HOMES

STATE OF OREGON

COUNTY OF MARION

SS

On this 16 day of July, 1958,  
before me, a notary public, the undersigned officer,  
personally appeared Albert P. & Agnes M. Moisan,  
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

Name and date of first generation owner Thomas & H. Moisan as recorded in  
Volume 1 Page 18 of Deed Record of Marion County November 17, 1856, D.L.C.  
Brief description of farm 1/2 section 34  
History This farm is part of the donation land claim of Thomas Moisan who  
settled here in 1855. Agnes Moisan was the granddaughter of Thomas Moisan.  
This property has been held continuously by some member of the family since  
that time.

Signature of witness owner

Witness

Notary Public

My commission expires June 22, 1959



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## State Fair to Honor 44 on Tuesday as Owners of Century Farms

SALEM, Sept. 7.—The cornerstone of Oregon industry—agriculture, will come in for extra Centennial honors Tuesday at the state fair.

Forty-four more present-day owners of farms continuously productive for a century or more will receive parchment certificates attesting to their uniqueness from Gov. Mark O. Hatfield.

The ceremony is the second successive year owners of 100-year-old Oregon farms have been so honored at the state fair. Tuesday's 44 honorees will bring to 398 the number of the birthday state's Century farms.

**ORIGINATED** last year by the Oregon Historical society and state department of agriculture, Century farm recognition goes only to present farm owners who are descendants of those who established farms that have been in continuous production 100 years or more.

Far from being a simple stunt, the Century farm program is contributing greatly to both Oregon lore and modern agriculture. Since its beginning, state historians have been bombarded with more information than they can even catalog concerning early farms



**FRENCH STUDENTS** at Catlin-Gabel school helped Oregon historians learn more about the state's farmers of 100 years ago by translating letters written by Thomas Moisan, who established oldest Century farm. Charla Woodworth and Carolyn Robbins at board have full support of teacher Suzanne Beattie's class in project. Century Farmers will be honored Tuesday at state fair.

and the people who founded the state of Oregon.

Current agriculture is ben-

efitting as well through lessons being learned through

soil test programs on land in

continuous use 10 decades and more.

**EVEN** scholars are getting

into the act. French students at Catlin-Gabel school last spring were pressed into service by the historical society to help translate and interpret letters written in that language by the state's oldest Century farm founder, Thomas Moisan.

"Such studies not only give us a glimpse of the past," said Thomas Vaughn, historical society director, "but help us acquire an insight into the future."

The fertile Willamette valley in Marion county still boasts the greatest number of Century farms—73, as well as the location of the oldest; that of Moisan near Brooks, established in 1842. Linn county added 10 more to swell its list to 65 and Yamhill county is third with 55.

**OF THE 44** discovered this year and attested to by county judges through ownership verifications, 20 are owned by women. Most of these feminine farm owners are granddaughters of founders; but one is a great-grand niece.

Sometimes ownership verifications are difficult to trace. One of the most intricate claims was that of the Charles S. Mullen farm near Newberg, which was established in 1852 by a half-brother of Mullen's

great-grandfather. On the other hand, the Lewis R. Alderman Century farm near Dayton is the present home of one of the founder's sons.

Multiples of 160 acres were once common farm sizes because of donation land claims. But a century ago farmers bought and sold land in addition to acquiring it through grant. Only a few Century farms are intact. One has been divided 30 times. The smallest found this year is 4½ acres, the largest 785.