

CFR 0351

Charles S. Mullen

CENTURY FARM REGISTRATION

OREGON STATE FAIR -- SEPTEMBER 8, 1959

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- 1. Name: Charles S. Mullen
- 2. Postoffice Address: Star Rte, Box 59 Newberg
- 3. County in which your farm is located: Marion
- 4. How old is your farm? 103. How old are you? 76.
- 5. Who founded your Century Farm? Robert Keston
- 6. How many miles did you travel to come today? 22
- 7. Did you receive a Century Farm award at last year's State Fair? No.
- 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? 3
- 10. How many exhibits do you have at the 1959 Oregon State Fair? None
 What are they? _____

- 11. How many years have you belonged to the Oregon Historical Society or your county Historical Society? No.

Newberg Star R
Box 59, 1959
May 12, 1959

Century Farm program

Dear Sir

Just to let you know that
our farm has tin in the
Mullen name in 1859.
live near St Paul Oregon
on rural route.

Mrs C. S. Mullen.

our app form
5/14/59

sent
5/14/59

McMinnville, Oregon

May 12, 1959

Oregon Historical Society
and State Department of
Agriculture.

Dear Sirs:

I am writing for
an application blank. As I
did not get to sign for
the Oregon centennial last
year before the deadline.

I have a family record
also if you wish to have
me send it?

Thanking you for your
trouble and hoping to hear
from you soon.

I am Sincerely yours
Pete Laves

June 9. 1959.

History of Patrick Mullen Farm.

Patrick Mullen.

Born in Kildare, Ireland on Nov. 1. 1839.

Son of Thomas and Mary Bridged or Brigett McNebin Mullen.

Thomas Mullen from Kildare.

Mary McNebin from Dublin.

Married in 1836 Near Kildare.

Came to U.S. - New Orleans 1 year - then, St Louis, the Illinois where Thomas died in 1859.

Mary Brigett was previously married to a Mr Keaton who died. Her son Robert Keaton became a resident of Oregon in 1852.

Mrs Mullen and Patrick came to Oregon to live with Robert Keaton by way of Cape Horn. arrived in Portland November 23 1859 - arrived in St Paul Oregon on Christmas night 1859. twenty years of age.

1870. Robert Keaton went to Idaho and Montana mines - Robert had secured from the Government 160 acres, Patrick increased the holdings to 240 acres.

Married Mary Ann Flynn at St Paul, Oregon Nov. 10. 1880.

Mary Ann Flynn was born in Albany, New York. - October 22. 1855. Her parents were Bernard and Catherine Bennett Flynn. both natives of Ireland. Their nine children were. John, Mary Ann Charles, Catherine Mahoney, Ellen (Seattle) Eugene William, Elizabeth.

Nine children in the Mullen Family - Philip, Charles, Thomas (who died in infancy) Mary, Catherine, Joseph, Thomas, Irene, Cecelia.

This information was copied from a history of Oregon Pioneers, in four volumes found at Marylhurst College Library. (over)

Of the 240 acres owned by Patrick Mullen about 90 acres was given to Charles & Tressie Mullen Jr. by Charles Mullen Sr. who had bought out all the heirs of Patrick Mullen.

Charles Mullen Jr. is now deceased, but his widow Tressie Mullen and 3 daughters and 1 son still live on and farm this land.

Charles Mullen Sr. and wife Mary Margaret Mullen live in old house about 80 years old. which was built by Patrick Mullen. the original home had burned.

Edgar. J. Mullen Sr. & wife Alma M. Mullen and 3 sons and 3 daughters live in a home built where the original home once stood.

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Linn Tops Century Farm List for '59

SALEM—Linn county, runner up among Oregon counties last year, now tops the field in 1959 Century Farm competition.

Linn county has ten of the 44 additional Century farms reported this year; Yamhill is a close second with nine. According to Thomas Vaughan, representing the Oregon Historical society, and Frank McKinnon, state director of agriculture, these farms reported in 1959 will be added to the 354 discovered in connection with this unique program last year.

Two of Linn county's 1959 Century farms are owned jointly by sisters. Benton county has added one such farm, that owned by Mrs. D. Ross Barclay, Rt. 3, Corvallis.

The new group of Century Farm owners — descendants who have stayed continuously with the agricultural pursuits of the farm founder — will be honored in a grand finale at the Oregon State Fair on Tuesday, September 8. At that time Governor Mark O. Hatfield will present the handsome parchment enrolling the farms in the archives of the Oregon Historical Society.

Eleven counties, four less than year, are included in the current list. All are from western Oregon, which leaves to date the three from Wasco county on last year's honor roll as the sole representative of that vast farming area which was settled later than the western side.

Besides Linn, Benton, Yamhill and Marion, the 1959 Centennial Farms are in: Clackamas, one; Douglas, 4; Jackson, 2; Lane, 2; Polk, 3; Washington, 5; and Tillamook, 1.

All continuous ownership verifications were made by the respective county judges, whose name along with the governor's, the sponsors and the state fair commission chairman will appear on the Century Farm parchment to be awarded at the fair.

The oldest farm this year (Lewis R. Alderman's at Dayton) is 113 years; 12 were founded in 1852, five in 1850 and one or more of the others each year between 1846 and 1859.

Nine of the 43 farms still have some of the original buildings. In Douglas county, Century Farmer Raymond J. Nichols of Winston lives in the original house built in 1853 by his great grandfather.

Strangely enough, the women today outnumber men owners of these historic farm lands. Twenty women, most of them granddaughters but including one great grand niece, are on the list. Eight of the honors go to husband-wife teams.

Most intricate of all claims to trace relationship is that of the Charles S. Mullen farm near Newberg, whose Century Farm was founded in 1852 by the half-brother of his great grandfather. At the other extreme is the Alderman farm on which the son of the founder lives today.

Not all the farms come down straight from original donation land claims. Even a hundred years ago farmers were buying and selling their lands—but not at today's prices. Mrs. Jessie B. Sewell at Hillsboro has the original deed in which farmers, by their marks, in 1857 transferred 318.95 acres or half of their donation land claim for \$1600 or about \$5 an acre. A year earlier in Marion county the present Arthur McKay Century Farm was started when James McKay paid \$1000, or \$6.25 per acre, for 160 acres of a donation land claim.

A few farms are intact, acreage-wise.

Following are the owners of 1959 Century Farms in Linn county:

Yates Sherer, Tangent; Mrs. Elsie Davis Bond, 1834 Fairmount Blvd., Eugene; Mrs. S. V. Barr, Rt. 1, Box 2862, Sweet Home; Mrs. Mabel J. Reagan, 417 13th Street East, Eugene, and Mrs. Vivian M. Forster, 1555 Laurel Heights, Albany; Loren J. Bond, Rt. 2, Box 362, Albany; Bertha Lena Watson, Rt. 1, Shedd; John Lester McFarland, Rt. 1, Tangent; Mr. and Mrs. John W. Alvin, 2560 S. Santiam Highway, Lebanon; Mrs. Florence N. Harrison, Rural Route, Brownsville; Mrs. Stacy L. Neeley, Rt. 2, Albany.