

CFR 0357

Mrs. Evanelle Esson Ewing

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--1965
(Rules attached)

Deadline for filing application: June 15, 1965

PLEASE PRINT

Your name (~~Mr.~~, Mrs., ~~Miss~~) EVANELLE ESSON EWING (Mrs. Thomas P. Ewing)

Your address: Route 1 P.O. Box 131 Town Brooks, Oregon

Location of farm: as above Marion
(Address) (County)

Acres in your farm today 300. Acres in original farm 320.

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

Name of founder of farm (please print): ALEXANDER ESSON

Year founder settled on farm? 1861. Where did he come from? Scotland via N.Y.

How many families have farmed this land? 3

Are any of original buildings still in use? No

Who farms land today? You X? A renter X? 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? Granddaughter

If you know crops or livestock raised on farm 100 years ago, please list Beef cattle; pigs;
corn; oats; wheat; hay.

What do you raise on farm today? Sheep; horses; strawberries; grass seed; barley;
string beans; sweet corn.

How many generations live on the farm today? (Names) P.
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas/Ewing (Evanelle);

Thomas Esson Ewing (son); Zan Esson Ewing (son); Christina Carol Ewing (daughter)
some areas of cropland have and are being rented

Has the farm ever been rented? /. How many times has original farm been divided? 1

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? I do.

Evanelle Esson Ewing
Signature of Owner

SUBMITTED BY: Mrs. Thomas P. Ewing
Rt. 1, Box 131
Brooks, Oregon (Name and address)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

On March 11, 1861, my grandfather, Alexander Esson, and his wife, Christina Stevens Esson, purchased the first portion of this farm from Joseph and

Virginia L. Cox. By deed dated December 24, 1866, my grandparents later purchased additional land from Milton and Celia B. Young, which was a portion of the John C. Carey donation land claim, thus bringing the total acreage to 320 acres.

As family background, my grandfather came from Scotland to New York, and ultimately came around Cape Horn to California to take advantage of the gold rush. However, by the time he arrived he found that the gold rush was over, so he came up to Oregon and took a job working on the Shannon Farm in Howell Prairie.

At approximately this same time my grandmother's parents, Hanson and Levina Stevens, came across the plains from Independence, Missouri, arriving in North Howell in the fall of 1852. They bought a farm about a mile from the present North Howell school and stocked it with the large flock of livestock which they had herded across the plains with them. Settlers assured them it would not be necessary to put in a supply of winter feed for the animals inasmuch as Willamette Valley winters were mild enough that the cattle could forage for themselves; however, the winter of 1852 was an unusually cold one, with a great deal of snow on the ground, and this resulted in most of the cattle dying. As a result, the family was without means to care for their five children, and my grandmother, Christina, went to live with the Shannon family in Central Howell.

Thus it was that she and my grandfather met, courted and married. Because the Shannons had no children and were getting old, they offered to sell their farm to my grandparents, but my grandfather wanted a place where the hunting and fishing were good, and therefore bought our present farm because of the Pudding River which wound around through it, the hills and forests, which abounded in fish and game. They raised twelve children--six boys and six girls--all of whom went to college.

In 1891 one of their daughters died at the age of 21, and my grandfather dedicated an area in the farm as a cemetery, naming it the Ida Esson Memorial Cemetery for her. This cemetery is still in use today, and my grandfather and grandmother, Alexander and Christina Stevens Esson, are buried there, as well as my father and mother, LeRoy Alexander Esson and Lola Esson, and my brother, Alexander Esson, who died at 15. Our younger son cannot carry on the name Esson, but is named Zan Esson Ewing (Zan being a contraction of Alexander). It is his plan and desire to carry on the farm and the family traditions for us.

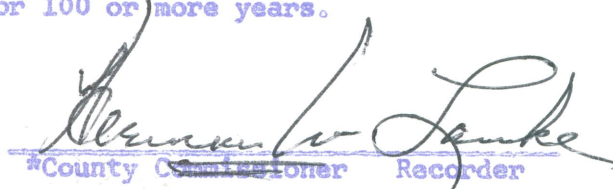
CERTIFICATION OF OWNERSHIP OF CENTURY FARM

I hereby certify that the farm for which EVANELLE ESSON EWING,
owner's name and address

Rt. 1, Box 131, Brooks, Oregon, is applying for Century Farm honors,

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

Date: June 15, 1965


*County ~~Commissioner~~ Recorder

*Please strike office not applicable

Add to

CR 0351 - Esson-Deed

Ewing family

proof of 1866 origin.
date ? corr.

Added
into
Database
(8/31/15)

Subject: Re: Century farm
Date: Tuesday, September 1, 2015 at 7:59:40 AM Pacific Daylight Time
From: Tom Ewing <teewing@gmail.com>
To: Andrea <Andrea@oregonfb.org>
CC: Larry Landis <larry.landis@oregonstate.edu>, Zan Ewing <ewingzan@gmail.com>

I know very little about the Cox purchase other than this: Alexander Esson came to Oregon in 1859 on horseback accompanied by Henry Stafford. In 1861 they jointly purchased some land in Marion Co. I can only assume Alexander sold his interest before 1866 when he purchased the current farm. In any event, the land description in that deed is not the farm.

On 8/31/2015 4:44 PM, Andrea wrote:

Hi Tom,

Upon further looking at your file, we need further clarification before I can make the origin date change official (I left both dates for now). The land referenced in your application purchased in 1861 from Cox, is this land still currently in the family or is it no longer? Either way the land you purchased that you send the deed for in 1866 makes you a Century farm, but we like to get all the details before changing a file. Please give us further explanation as to the land purchased from Cox, what happened with it, and if it's still in the family.

Thank you, and then I can proceed with date change and sign nameplate order.

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On 8/29/15, 2:26 PM, "Tom Ewing" <teewing@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello Andrea. Apologies for delay responding. I will have a check in the mail today for \$75. Just to confirm, we're talking only about the second sign which will state:

Maple Hill Farm
Esson & Ewing
1866.

Founders are Alexander and Christina Esson.

Street address: 10705 Waypark Dr. NE, Salem, Or 97305 [the farm is outside Mt. Angel but the feds put us in Salem. Go figure]

[Zan: for check register, indicate check number 101 (temporary check)]

to the Farm Bureau, dated today, memo: Century Farm sign.]

On 8/19/2015 2:25 PM, Andrea wrote:

Tom,

I just heard back from our sign company, we can do the nameplate with the wording you want for \$75, instead of \$65, so just an additional \$10 more than usual for nameplate only replacements.

Let me know if you want me to order this for you, and send me a mailing (no PO Box) address for it. Also, I know you have given it to me, but so

I can look you up in database easily can you give me founders name again.

Thanks,

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On 8/13/15, 11:30 AM, "Tom Ewing" <teewing@gmail.com> wrote:

I have copied the deed and will mail it today. the deed correctly identifies our farm (one-half of the John C. Carey DLC). In time our great-grandfather Alexander Esson purchased other parcels.

Regarding the date of reunion, it is July 14-17, 2016.

Next, I remembered that I have century farm signs. The "century farm" sign is 24 x 18 inches and has the Oregon Historical Society's logo printed on it. The smaller one with the names of our parents is 24 x 12. I mention this because perhaps only the second sign would be needed. However, impression is that this is a rather larger sign(s) than those I've seen around the county. Also, it has OHS's logo, not the Farm Bureau's. Not sure if you just want to redo the whole thing. Your call of course.

And finally I'd like to change the proposed wording slightly (instead of a slash use ampersand @) to the following:
Esson & Ewing
Maple Hill Farm
1866.

You had mentioned that adding "Maple Hill Farm" might increase the cost above \$65 (which again is fine with us). If you have a number, I can send you a check. Or we can wait until the work is done and you have a definite figure. Whatever you want to do. Thanks Andrea

On 8/10/2015 4:12 PM, Andrea wrote:

Hi there,

Your farm is already considered a Century Farm even though the year is wrong, back in the early years of our program there wasn't as high a burden of proof as there is now, so this is common, we just need to update your record, no application needed, it just needs to be updated to correct date so send along deed and we will do that. If you know the date you will need your Sesquicentennial sign by in July 2016, I can make an extra effort to get your's ordered by then so you have it for your celebration next July, I have no problem with that after your application is approved in 2016.

As far as the nameplate for your current sign, that is up to you, I am happy to order you one with the wording you want to go with your sign now.

Just let me know.

Thanks Much, and let me know if this doesn't make sense.

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On 8/10/15, 3:27 PM, "Tom Ewing" <teewing@gmail.com> wrote:

thank you Andrea for your speedy response. Answers my question. Need to consult with Brother Z. I guess we have three options: (1) apply for a century farm designation now, and then reapply for the 150th later; or (2) wait until summer, which actually isn't an option for us; or (3) make our own sign. I think I'm inclined to (1). Anyway will send you a copy of the deed. thanks

On 8/10/2015 3:16 PM, Andrea wrote:

Application will be ready for 2016 this fall (2015). They are due May 1st

of each year with confirmation of approval by June 15th or so.
Awards
ceremony held first Saturday of the state Fair in August. The 2015
process is already complete with our awards at the end of the month.
We
review applications once a year in early June.

You can't apply until the year you turn 150 so 2016 for you. The
application will be due for you May 1, 2016. I post the updated
application after our planning meeting each October, usually it's
only
minor changes and really stays mostly the same. Hope that answers
your
question.

I can order you a nameplate replacement for your current sign if
you
wish, just send me what you want it to read like and I'll see about
the
cost from our sign maker before you send in form and payment.

Thanks,

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On 8/10/15, 3:06 PM, "Tom Ewing" <teewing@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello Andrea. That is fair enough. I'll make a copy of the deed
(I
guess no surprise that these deeds are rare but we kept them).
It's
already August so close to 2016. I do have one question though:
You
write for the application "late fall/early winter". Is that 2015
or
2016? If the latter, then that is too late for our 150th
anniversary
reunion on the farm in July 2016. We'd like to have it posted
certainly
by that time. Otherwise, we'll make our own. But if the
application
can be reviewed in 2015, that's different. Again, zero problem with
the
additional cost.

Zan and I appreciate both your time & patience with us and with the
Farm
Bureau undertaking this very worthy project (century designations).

I say that not out of self-interest but I know farmers in my community. They're always interested in century farms. So, if you could get back to me on my last question I will happily do as you request.

Again, thank you for your time.

On 8/10/2015 2:15 PM, Andrea wrote:

Hello Tom,

Thank you for your note below, I'll try to address your questions as best I can.

As we are maintaining a historical database, if any information is incorrect we want to remedy that. If you could send me a copy of the deed that indicates the date of 1866, not 1861, I will add it to our database and get the date corrected, wonderful that you have the original deed. For many near sesquicentennial families, that can be hard to find.

As far as the signage, to be recognized as a Sesquicentennial farm in our program, you must apply for it the year you turn 150, so for you 2016. We cannot give you a sesquicentennial nameplate until you have applied and been approved for this status. The applications can be found on our website www.oregonfb.org/centuryfarm, the 2016 application will be available late fall/early winter. They don't change much from year to year, so please feel free to take a look at the current one there. We highly encourage you to apply as you already have the hardest part (the original deed) in your possession. If you apply in 2016 and are approved you will be able to share this at your 150 year celebration.

As for the signs, the signs are essentially the same, but the nameplate for the Sesquicentennial indicates the 150 years, with green Oregon State, with 150 in white in middle (see picture on sign order I sent).

It's
a
little bigger nameplate.

That being said, I believe if you send me what exactly you want on
your
new nameplate of your current sign, I can check with our sign
company
about getting one made to accommodate that and the cost to do so.
It
may
be a bit more than the usual \$65 for nameplate only. Please send
me
what
exactly you would want, I am reading something like this:

Esson/Ewing
Maple Hill Farm
1866
(3 Lines), but please confirm.

If you want to just wait until you apply for Sesquicentennial
status
to
get a new sign that is fine too, but we certainly can do a
replacement
name plate now for your current Century Farm sign.

Please let me know if that makes sense. I am going to attach the
application for you to look at for next year.

Kind Regards,

Andrea

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On 8/8/15, 10:28 PM, "Tom Ewing" <teewing@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello Andrea. This may be a somewhat long email, so apologies.
You
will find us in your database (I did) under Alexander & Christina
Esson. Date of the founding of the farm there is indicated 1861

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As
I
think I told you before I have a certificate signed by Gov.
Hatfield

indicating a century farm as of that date. Problem is that it's wrong. For many, many years there has been a debate in the family regarding the year when Zan's and my great-grandparents purchased the farm. I have the original deed. It was 1866. So, just to be upfront, the award was premature then. I am happy to send you a copy of the deed. Our mother, who applied for the designation, did some research and found a deed from "Cox" (which you will find in your database) to Alexander Esson dated 1861 and assumed that the farm was purchased from him. It was different land.

However, we have been a century farm since 1966 and next year is 150th anniversary. Even though it's premature, we would like a sesquicentennial sign. I realize that at the time of this application we are 149 years. But it seems to me since we are only 4 months from 150 years that the Farm Bureau might consider this request rather than getting a century farm sign and then in January apply for a sesquicentennial one.

Second request, we would like it to be a bit different from the usual signs. Under "Century Farm" (or "sesquicentennial farm"), there would be a second sign indicating "Maple Hill Farm" and then a sign "Esson/Ewing Farm". Our farm has been known as "Maple Hill Farm" since at least 1909 for which we have documentation. The name has special significance to Zan and me and the entire family, which is why we really want it included. We have always known it as "Maple Hill Farm". We would be happy to pay for the extra cost.

I realize we're asking the Farm Bureau to deviate from its regular practices: awarding a 150th sign a few months before our farm's birthday and adding an additional sign (Maple Hill Farm). If this

is beyond your policies, we will understand. We can handle this a different way. But getting a Farm Bureau imprimatur would be special, particularly since in July 2016 we're have a celebration of our 150th anniversary and family members from across the country will be coming to the farm. (BTW: You may have seen a front page article in the Sunday Statesman Journal a couple of weeks ago about a family which came to Oregon in 1852. That was Zan's and my family; our great-grandmother Christina is seated with her sisters.)

Anyway, Zan and I will respect your decision, whatever it is. Thanks Andrea for your consideration. Again, apologies for the long email.

On 7/24/2015 3:15 PM, Andrea wrote:

If you are a recognized Century Farm through the program, we can re-order your sign nameplate or an entire new sign and nameplate. I am attaching the sign order form for you. Please provide the founder's name on the form so I can locate you in our database. I would also encourage you and your family to apply next year for Sesquicentennial status as its a huge honor to be gained.

Thank you for your interest in replacing the name plate. The nameplate only is \$65. Thank you.

Andrea

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On 7/24/15, 2:45 PM, "Tom Ewing" <teewing@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Ms. Kuenzi:

I'll try to be brief. I live on a farm outside of Mt. Angel, founded by our great-grandparents (Alexander & Christina Esson) in 1866. Next year is the 150th reunion. Our parents (Evanelle & Thomas Ewing) got it on the century farm list with the Oregon Historical Society a number of years ago with a certificate signed by Gov. Hatfield and the metal signs (one large one indicating century farm; the other with our parents' name). The part of the sign with our parents' name is no longer appropriate to the farm; they passed away and different wording needs to be made. I'm not sure that we qualify today under the relatively strict terms of sesquennial (sp) requirements so I'm not looking for that. I want to reword the second metal plate. I do not intend to suggest this is a sesquennial (I'll never be able to spell the word, let alone pronounce it) approved by the Farm Bureau. It would merely state "Esson/Ewing Farm, 1866" and no more. That's enough.

Would it be possible to get the name of the company you deal with for creating century farm signs? I would appreciate any advice you can give. Thank you.

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THOMAS E. EWING

Here it is. A lot of
"first parts" + "second
parts" legalese.

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This indenture made the 24 day of December
in the year 1866 between Milton Young of
Marion County and State of Oregon and Celia
his wife of the first part, and Alexander
Eason of County and State of the second part witnesses
That the said parties of the first part
for and in consideration of the sum
of eighteen (18,00) hundred dollars current
money to them in hand paid by the
said parties of the second part at and
before the executing and delivering of these presents
the receipt whereof they do hereby acknowledge
therefore do acquit and release the said party
of the second part, by these presents have bargained
sold, remised, released and confirmed and
by these presents do release and confirm
unto the said party of the second part and
his heirs and assigns for ever, all that tract
or parcel of land known and described as
follows, it being and lying in the county of
Marion and State of Oregon and known as
the west half of John C Cary land claim situate
in Township No 5 and 6 Range 1 W also being
a part of section (5 and 6 in Town 6) also parts
of section No 32 in Town 5, Beginning at the
S. W corner of the said John C Cary land
claim No 58, at red fir tree 24 inch diameter
running thence N. 11 1/2° E c. 100

to a corner thence S 45^o W 82 chains 98 links,
thence W 60 N 39 chains 58 links, to the place
of beginning. The above described boundaries
do contain three hundred and twenty acres
more or less

together with all and singular the above described
premises tenements hereditaments therunto
belonging or in anywise appertaining also all
estate right title and right of dower in law
as well as in equity

And the said Milton Young and Celid his wife
doth hereby for themselves administrators and
heirs agree with the said Alexander Elson in
manner following that the said party of the
second part shall and may peaceably hold
said lands every part and parcel thereof
without suit trouble or disturbance of the
said Milton Young and Celid his wife or any
under them by persons lawfully claiming
by or in trust for them

And the said lands are and shall remain and
be unto the said Alexander Elson free and
clear from all mortgages or incumbrances
whatsoever by any person lawfully claiming
under them And the said Milton Young and Celid
his wife all the aforesaid lands every part and parcel
of them unto said Alexander Elson shall and will
warrant and forever defend by these presents

said Milton Young and Celia his wife or any
under them by persons lawfully claiming
by or in trust for them

And the said lands are and shall remain and
be unto the said Alexander Egan free and
clear from all mortgages or incumbrances
whatsoever by any person lawfully claiming
under them and the said Milton Young and Celia
his wife all the aforesaid lands every part and parcel
of them unto said Alexander Egan shall and will
warrant and forever defend by these presents

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and
seals this 10th day of August 1884

Sealed and delivered
in presence of us
Samuel Welch
Lucy Welch

Milton Young
Celia B Young



State of Oregon County Marion

Before the undersigned a justice of the peace
for the precinct of Belpassi in the County
and State aforesaid personally appeared
the within Milton young and Celia his
wife to me known to be the individuals
described in and who executed the within convey-
ance and the said Milton young acknowledged
that he executed same and the said Celia
being by me examined separate and apart
from her said husband then and there acknowl-
edged that she executed such conveyance freely
and without fear or compulsion from any one
this 24 day December 1866

Samuel Welch justice of the peace

Paul

Welch

Spiller

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of 200

within

knowing

Stacey

Oliver

Walke