

CFR 0360

Mrs. Wilbur W. Miller

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) Mrs Wilbur W. Miller

Your address: Route 9905 Edmunson Drive SE P.O. Box \_\_\_\_\_ Town Salem

Location of farm: 1788 93rd SE Salem, Oregon Marion  
(Address) (County)

Acres in your farm today 52 Acres. Acres in original farm 640 A.

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

Name of founder of farm (please print): Rufus C. Edmunson  
1863

Year founder settled on farm? D. L. C. 4 Dec 1863 Where did he come from? East Coast

How many families have farmed this land? 5 Generations

Are any of original buildings still in use? No

Who farms land today? You Yes? A renter \_\_\_\_\_? A manager \_\_\_\_\_? Other \_\_\_\_\_

If you own the farm but live in town, do you manage the farming operation? Yes

What relation are you to the original owner? Rufus C. Edmunson, was my husbands Great Grandfather.

If you know crops or livestock raised on farm 100 years ago, please list \_\_\_\_\_

The only thing I know for sure is, that Rufus had many horses.

What do you raise on farm today? Cherrys (41 Acres)

How many generations live on the farm today? (Names) (2) Mrs. Wilbur W. Miller

(Hazel), and my two sons, Danny C. Miller & Jerry D. Miller

Has the farm ever been rented? No. How many times has original farm been divided? 4

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? Yes

Mrs Wilbur Miller  
Signature of Owner 12 April 1965

SUBMITTED BY: Mrs. Wilbur Miller, 9905 Edmunson Drive SE, Salem, Ore  
(Name and address)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Rufus C. Edmunson, settled on this farm in 1849, but did not record the Donation Land Claim until 4 Dec 1863. When he arrived in this area, and decided he wanted this land, there was another squatter on the place. So he traded his team of oxen and all his gear for the right to the 640 acres and a log cabin.

Rufus C, Edmunson, Died and willed the property to his son , Thomas J. Edmunson in 1867.

Thomas J. Edmunson Died the 7th day of June, 1885. During the time he held the property he sold 160 acres. Said decedent left 480 acres of land, probable value of \$8,000, Twenty four head of horses, farming utensils, wagons, of the probable value of \$5,000. He left this estate to his widow, Lucetta Edmunson, and five children. So the property was divided six ways. The children all sold their property except Musa Edmunson

Musa Edmunson married Daniel J. Miller in 1893, and started farming their 52 acres. They planted 4 acres of cherrys in 1900, and they are still bearing yet today. Daniel Miller died in 1938, and so Musa Miller's son, Wilbur Waldo Miller , continued farming the place for his mother. Wilbur Miller was the second generation to plant cherrys on the place, he planted 19 acres more.

Musa Miller died Nov. 1962, and willed the property to her son, Wilbur Miller. Wilbur and his two sons continued to farm the place. Wilbur's two sons, Danny C. & Jerry D. Miller were the third generation to plant cherrys on this property, they planted 18 acres more.

Wilbur W. Miller, died May 1963, leaving the property to his wife, Hazel I. Miller. So now I, and my two sons, Danny & Jerry farm the 52 acres. While my husband Wilbur was farming, he bought back land that had originally been in the Edmunson donation land claim. Today we farm 400 acres, which 90 acres is in cherrys.

So, out of the 640 acre donation land claim, only 52 acres remained in the family continuously down through the years.

Rufus C. Edmunson, crossed the plains to Oregon, by wagon train in 1847. He had one of the first grist mills in the country, on his farm.

*Royal anne cherries*

*Wachan area  
Cherries planted 1900 - orchard still bearing*