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May 20, 1958

Mr. Thomas Vaughan,
Oregon Historical Society,
235 S. W. Market Street,
Portland 1, Oregon.

Dear Thomas;

I want to enter our farm in the Centennial because it has been in the same family ownership for over 100 years. The farm was patented by Edward and ~~Mary Morgan~~ on July 4, 1849, and my wife, who is a Morgan, and I purchased about 640 acres of the original Edward and Mary Morgan donation land claim, less 210 acres, in 1934 from the heirs of William H. H. Morgan, who was the son of Edward Morgan. Buzz said you told him to have me write a letter regarding the ownership and you will tell us what to do.

There are additional lands on the Island which have been in the same family ownerships for 100 years: Earl Reeder owns a part of the Simon M. Reeder donation land claim patented in August, 1854, and Paul Reeder owns a part of the same land. Kitty Hutchinson, who is the daughter of Horace J. McIntire, owns a part of the land patented by the McIntires on August 22, 1851. Dewey Charlton and Robert Charlton may own a part of the Joseph Charlton donation land claim patented December 8, 1848. I think you have in your file my brochure entitled "The 100th birthday of Morgan's Landing Farm, Portland, 1949." If not, I will be glad to supply you with a copy.

Yours very truly,

Omar C. Spencer

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August 18, 1958.

Mr. Thomas Vaughan, Director,
Oregon Historical Society,
235 S. W. Market Street,
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Tom:

I have your letter advising that our ranch has been registered as a Century Farm which means in the same family for over a hundred years. As a matter of fact, the ranch was settled on July 4, 1949, so that it is more than a hundred years now. We are very proud to be so recognized.

I do not have any old letters, photographs, diaries, business or farm account books or any books of historical interest except some written by myself. I wrote a brochure entitled "The One Hundredth Birthday of Morgan's Landing Farm," of which you have a copy. That, together with my book "The Story of Sauvie Island," published by the Society in 1950, will tell the story.

I doubt if I can be present at the time these certificates are handed out at the Oregon State Fair in Salem on September 2, 1958. I do not get around very well, which accounts for my doubt as to being able to attend. I would be interested in knowing the earliest date of the registered farms. Ours is July 4, 1849. Are there any earlier dates?

Again expressing my appreciation for the honor of being included in this Centennial enrollment, I remain

Yours truly,

Omar C. Spencer

August 26, 1958

Mr. Omar C. Spencer
1410 Yeon Building
Portland 4, Oregon

Dear Mr. Spencer,

I have been attending to some of the details of the Century Farm Program for Mr. Vaughan, and so have your letter of August 18.

I am sorry to hear that you will not be able to attend the colorful ceremonies planned for the State Fair. Perhaps your son or some other member of the family could be on hand to receive the certificate for the family.

The oldest farm listed at this date is the Moisan farm, founded 1842 near what is now Brooks, Oregon. Yours is the oldest farm qualifying in Multnomah county.

Thank you for your interest and participation in the Century Farm program.

Very sincerely,

Judith Eccles Scharf
Public Service Representative

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