

CFR 0374

Lorene Sails Higgins

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U. S. Census Definition of a Farm: A farm must have 10 or more acres 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 - 1960

→ Submit to State Department of Agriculture, 158 12th St. N. E., Salem ←

PRINT

Your name (Mr., Mrs., Miss) MRS LORENE SAILS HIGGINS

Your address: Route 1209 S.W. Box 640 Town PORTLAND 4 OREGON

Location of farm: INTOWN OF GRESHAM TL #34-SECTION 4-15-3E  
TL #49- " 4-15-3E

County: MULTNOMAH. Acres: In your farm? 29.73. In original farm? 360.

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

Name of founder of farm (please print): JOHN P. POWELL AND HIS WIFE ADALINE POWELL

What year did founder settle on the farm? 1853. How many families have farmed  
this land through the years? THREE FAMILIES, ALL DIRECT OR COLLATERAL  
DESCENDANTS OF ORIGINAL FOUNDERS

Are any of original buildings still in use? NO

What do you raise on farm today? POTATOES TOMATOES AND OTHER TABLE  
VEGETABLES FOR HOME TABLE. ALSO ROSES, AZALIA, CAMELIA,  
ROCK DAPHNE AND OTHER FLOWERING PLANTS AND CONIFERS FOR GENERAL SALE.

Who farms land today: You NO; a renter NO; a manager YES; other NO

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

What relation are you to the original owner? GRAND-DAUGHTER

If you know original crops or livestock of this farm, please list CATTLE, PIGS  
CHICKENS. FRUIT TREES, POTATOES,  
GRAINS AND VEGETABLES.

How many generations live on the farm today? ONE - A GRAND-  
DAUGHTER OF THE FOUNDER AND HER HUSBAND

Has the farm ever been rented? NO. How many times has original farm been divided?  
DIVIDED AMONG SEVEN DIRECT DECENDANTS OF FOUNDER

PLEASE list here or on separate page other historical facts you know about this farm  
(Separate page enclosed)

Do you declare that the statements made above are accurate and correct to the best of your knowledge? YES.

Deadline for filing application: June 20, 1960

LORENE SAILS HIGGINS  
Signature of Owner

(Mrs John C. Higgins)

My grandfather, Mr. John T. Powell,  
came here in 1852 in a covered  
wagon. He was the only doctor on  
his wagon train. For nearly twenty  
years he was the only doctor between  
Portland and Mt. Hood. His office  
was in his farm house on his  
Donation Land Claim described on  
enclosed Application.

I have Photostatic copies made  
for me by the U. S. Department of  
the Interior - Bureau of Land  
Management in Portland of the  
following forms describing his  
farm:- "Farm of Settlers' Claim";  
Dec. 1 - 1850 - "Donation. Sept 27-1850;  
"Affidavit of Settler" No. 7139 "Form  
of Settlers' Claim - Dec. 1 - 1850"

I hope these facts - will prove  
helpful to you,

Yours truly,

Larue Sails Higgins



REGISTRATION CENTURY FARM CELEBRATION

OREGON STATE FAIR, September 6, 1960

1. Check which year you received Century Farm Award:

1958 \_\_\_\_\_  
1959 \_\_\_\_\_  
1960 X

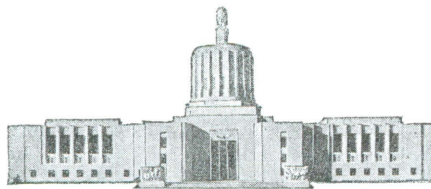
2. Name: Lorene Dicks Higgins
3. Postoffice Address: 1209 S. G. 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. Portland 4 Oregon
4. What county is your Century Farm in? Multnomah
5. How old is your farm? 107 yrs -. How old are you? 77 yrs -
6. Who founded your Century Farm? Dr. & Mrs. John Parker Powell
7. How many miles did you travel to come today? 62 miles
8. How many years have you belonged to the Oregon Historical Society or your County Historical Society? 20 yrs -
9. How many generations of your family live on the farm today? One
10. How many exhibits do you have at the 1960 Oregon State Fair? None

What are they? \_\_\_\_\_

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STATE OF OREGON  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
SALEM

August 4, 1960

Mrs. Lorene Sails Higgins  
1209 S. W. 6th Avenue  
Portland 4, Oregon

Dear Mrs. Higgins:

As sponsors, it is our pleasure to inform you that your application for 1960 Century Farm Honors has been approved. Our sincere congratulations to you and your family upon the long tradition of contributions to Oregon's great basic industry, our agriculture.

As you know, appropriate ceremonies to recognize Oregon's new group of Century Farms will be held at the Oregon State Fair on Tuesday, September 6, beginning with an 11 a. m. program, to be followed by a box luncheon. You will receive further word of the Fair attendance directly from the Oregon State Fair management.

Century Farmers of 1958 and 1959 are being invited to join with you in the observance in your honor on September 6. We sincerely hope you will plan to be present and to receive the coveted Century Farm parchment, which will be presented by Governor Mark O. Hatfield.

Within a few days we shall announce to the newspapers the names of the select few farmers who this year qualify to enter the ranks of our owners of historic farms.

In the meantime, again our congratulations, and our thanks for your response to the Century Farm program. We look forward to greeting you in person on Tuesday, September 6, at the state fairgrounds in Salem.

Yours sincerely,

Thomas Vaughan, Director  
Oregon Historical Society

J. F. Short, Director  
State Department of Agriculture