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Mr. and Mrs. J. Davis Allen

1960

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STATE DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE  
158 12th St., N.E.  
Salem, Oregon

Salem, OR 97301  
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APPLICATION for CENTURY FARM HONORS - 1959<sup>60</sup>

PRINT

Your name (Mr., Mrs., Miss) Mrs. Mrs. J. Davis Allen

Your address: Route 1 Box 177 Town Rickreall

Location of farm: 4 miles east of Rickreall Section 21 Township 7 Range 4 west

County: Polk. Acres in original farm: 640. In yours: 30 acres

If you farm only three acres of the 100-year-old farm, do you make \$150 a year from it? yes

Name of founder of farm (please print): JOHN C. ALLEN

What year did founder settle on the farm? 1851. How many families have

farmed this land? 4 generations of Allen family

Are any of original buildings still in use? 1 barn

Brief description of farm enterprises today grain, hay, vet.

Who farms land today: You yes with; a renter \_\_\_\_\_; a manager \_\_\_\_\_; other 2 nephews

If you own the farm (still live on farm) but live in town, do you manage the farming operation? yes

What relation are you to the original owner? Grandson

If you know original crops or livestock of this farm, please list grain, hay  
horses

How many generations now live on this farm? One

Has the farm ever been rented? not till recently, 2 nephews farm the land & managed by us. How many times has original farm been divided? 2

PLEASE list here or on separate page other historical facts you know about this farm \_\_\_\_\_

Donation land claim, never been out of Allen family. Lumber for barn  
was sawed & hewed by hand near Falls City & hauled here by oxen. The house has  
been torn down about 3 yrs but some of the original lumber is used in a new

You do not need to have this application notarized, but do you declare that the statements made here are accurate and correct to the best of your knowledge? yes

J. Davis Allen  
Signature of Owner

house & shop

Polk County Farm  
First Seeker of  
Century Honors

A farm which is part of a donation land claim of 1851 is the oldest in the first three applications for 1960 Century Farm honors. The farm is owned by Mr. and Mrs. J. Davis Allen of Rickreall and was settled by his grandfather, John C. Allen.

Lumber for the barn, Mr. Allen cites in his application, was sawed and hewed by hand near Falls City, then hauled by oxen to Rickreall.

Other early applicants for Century Farm honors this year are Raymond S. Kirk, Route 1, Halsey, whose farm includes the original 160 acres of the Henry H. Kirk farm of 1860; and Cecil H. Wheeler, Route 2, Creswell, who farms about a fifth of the land settled in 1853 by Isaac William and Hetty Bond.

Any Oregon farm continuously operated or managed in the same family for 100 years or more is eligible for Century Farm honors. The program is now in its third year and is sponsored by the Oregon Historical Society and the State Department of Agriculture. Climaxing event, the awarding of Century Farm documents, will come at the state fair.

Application blanks are available from county judges or commissioners, and should be mailed to the State Department of Agriculture, Salem.

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Committee Studies  
Milk Audit Changes

What amendments, if any, industry should propose in the young grade A milk usage audit law is under study by a 13-man advisory committee to the state department of agriculture.

Committee members, newly selected by the groups they represent at the department's suggestion, held their first session April 29. The department is making no initial proposals, but says some refinements are desirable.

On the advisory group are: Fulton Magill, Independence; Dick Lyons, Junction City; Carroll Ellison, Mt. Angel; Frank Rood, North Bend; Tom Hall, Portland; Lawrence Geraghty, Merrill; Ralph Witcher, Junction City; Fred Morgan, Jr., Gresham; Will Henry, Portland; Robert A. Fish, Eugene; Dick Westerberg, Medford; Hugh Gallagher, Portland; and T. L. Goodwin, Roseburg.

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STATE OF OREGON  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
SALEM

August 4, 1960

Mr. and Mrs. J. Davis Allen  
Route 1, Box 177  
Rickreall, Oregon

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Allen:

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

*Century 1 Data*

September 19, 1960

Mr. and Mrs. J. Davis Allen  
Rickreall, Oregon

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Allen:

How very nice of you to write to us. We appreciate your thoughtfulness.

If you ever hear of any records, letters, photographs or other historical material pertaining to farm life or other aspects of Oregon history, we sincerely hope you will let us know.

Very truly yours,

Thomas Vaughan  
Director

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Rickreall, Ore.  
Oregon Historical Society.

Dear Sirs  
We want to thank  
you for the nice parchment  
we received as a century  
farmer and the interest  
you have taken to make it  
possible for us to receive it

yours truly

Mr & Mrs J. Davis Allen  
Rickreall, Ore.  
Balk Co.

REGISTRATION CENTURY FARM CELEBRATION

OREGON STATE FAIR, September 6, 1960

1. Check which year you received Century Farm Award:

1958 \_\_\_\_\_

1959 \_\_\_\_\_

1960 1960

2. Name: Mr & Mrs J. Davis Allen

3. Postoffice Address: Richvale, Ore.

4. What county is your Century Farm in? Polk

5. How old is your farm? 109. How old are you? 61

6. Who founded your Century Farm? J. C. Allen

7. How many miles did you travel to come today? 9 miles

8. How many years have you belonged to the Oregon Historical Society or your County Historical Society? \_\_\_\_\_

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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