

CFR 0424

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney E. 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) MR + MRS. Rodney E. Miller

Your address: Route _____ P.O. Box 182 Town UNION

Location of farm: UNION - Oregon (Address) UNION (County)

Acres in your farm today 224. Acres in original farm 180.

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

Name of founder of farm (please print): Simon Miller

Year founder settled on farm? 1863. Where did he come from? SWITZERLAND

How many families have farmed this land? FOUR

Are any of original buildings still in use? YES

Who farms land today? You X? A renter _____? A manager _____? Other _____

If you own the farm but live in town, do you manage the farming operation? LIVE ON FARM

What relation are you to the original owner? GRANDSON

If you know crops or livestock raised on farm 100 years ago, please list hay -
FRUIT - CATTLE

What do you raise on farm today? hay - GRAIN - WHITE FACE CATTLE -
SHEEP + hogs

How many generations live on the farm today? (Names) Two - Rodney Edward
MILLER + daughter Cathy RENEE MILLER

Has the farm ever been rented? No. How many times has original farm been divided? 2

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

Rodney E. Miller
Signature of Owner

SUBMITTED BY:

Mrs. Rodney E. Miller - Box 182 Union
(Name and address)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The barn on this farm, which is still in use, was put together with wooden pegs, and the sheeting has square nails in it. The shop is one of the original buildings erected on this farm. There are a few sections of rail fence still standing.

This farm has been in the Miller family since 1863 and it has always been operated by one of the members. The generations of this family have always tried to keep the spirit of progress that Simon Miller started over one hundred years ago.

Conrad Miller, a brother of Simon Miller, settled near Union in 1861 and is credited with planting the first fruit trees in Union County.

The history of Simon Miller, Simon Edward Miller and the story of Conrad Miller are all published in the History of Union and Wallowa,^{co} a book published in 1902.

It is interesting to note that Mrs. Rodney Miller is a granddaughter of George and Catherine Gekeler, who came to Union County and settled near LaGrande with the Yount Train in 1862.

Simon Miller

Simon Miller was born in Switzerland and came to America in his youth and soon afterward to Oregon, living for a time in the western portion, then came to the eastern portion in 1863. He settled on the farm which is now owned by Rodney Edward Miller and his wife Alma Miller. Simon Miller married Juliet Ann Galloway on August 8, 1858. Mrs. Miller was born in Indiana and came with her parents to this coast in 1834, settling in Columbia county, Oregon. Mrs. Miller passed away in 1885 and Mr. Miller in 1887.

Simon Edward Miller

Simon Edward Miller was born in Union, Oregon on September 26, 1876. At the age of seventeen he started raising stock and doing general farming. In 1899 he purchased 180 acres of land near Union, which was a portion of his father's estate. He and his wife operated this land until ill health forced him to turn over some of his holdings to his sons. At this time, his son Rodney was deeded 80 acres on which the buildings were situated and upon the death of his parents, he was willed the other 80 acres.

Rodney Edward Miller

Rodney Edward Miller was born in Union, Oregon on May 20, 1914. He was associated with his father in ranching all his life, except the years he was a member of the armed forces. He and his family moved to the original farm in 1947 and they are still residing there. His two daughters make up the fourth generation of Millers which have lived on this farm.

June 10. 1965

State Dept. of Agriculture
Salem, Oregon

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed is our application for
century farm on the original Simon
Miller farm.

We feel it is something to be proud
of to be able to live on a farm that
has been in the family for so many
years. Both my husband and I are
interested in the history of Oregon, as
we are both from pioneer families
of Union County. We think it is a
fine idea to have a program such as
this and thank you for any consideration
given this application.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Rodney Miller
Union - Oregon

JUN 11 1965

State Department of Agriculture
Oregon Historical Society

CERTIFICATION OF OWNERSHIP OF CENTURY FARM

I hereby certify that the farm for which MR. MRS. Rodney E. Miller
owner's name and address

Box 182 - Union - Ore. is applying for Century Farm honors,

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

Date: June 5th 1965

Bernal D. Hug
*County Commissioner ~~Recorder~~

*Please strike office not applicable