

CFR 0438

Mr. Richard L. Renken

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--1970

(Rules attached)

Deadline for filing application: July 1, 1970

PLEASE PRINT

Your name (Mr., Mrs., Miss) Mr. Richard L. Renken

Your address: Route Route 1, Box 124 P.O. Box _____ Town The Dalles, Ore.

Location of farm: Route 1, Box 124 The Dalles, Ore. Wasco
(Address) (County)

Acres in your farm today: 120 Acres in original farm: 340

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

Name of founder of farm (please print): David C. Creighton

Year founder settled on farm? 1862 Where did he come from? Columbus, Ohio

How many families have farmed this land? 3-- David Creighton, R. O. Renken, ~~XXXXXX~~
& R. L. Renken ~~XXXX~~

Are any of original buildings still in use? yes

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? _____

What relation are you to the original owner? Grandson

If you know crops or livestock raised on farm 100 years ago, please list Wheat, Hay
Plums
Apples, Peaches, Prunes, Pears, Apricots, ~~Plums~~, Grapes, Vegetables

What do you raise on farm today? Cherries, Hay and Cattle

How many generations live on the farm today? (Names) One

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 ~~Yes~~

Mail to: State Dept. of Agriculture
635 Capitol St., N.E., Salem, Oregon
97310

Richard L. Renken
Signature of Owner

Submitted by: _____

(Name and Address)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

David Creighton and his brother Sam Creighton came to this area in 1859 and in 1862 they started buying up squatters rights on three mile creek, south of The Dalles, Oregon.

Reference: "History of Central Oregon" Page 355 ★

★ An Illustrated History of Central Oregon;
Western Historical Publishing Company
Publishers; Spokane, Washington; 1905.

Note:

Enclosed are copies of the endorsement page and the recorded history of David Creighton, grandfather of the present owner, Richard L. Renken. Wasco County's records do not note the purchase of land by David Creighton in 1862 as noted in the history. There is a record of his having sold a parcel of land in 1870 but apparently the purchases are not recorded.

John R. Hienner

State Department of Agriculture
Oregon Historical Society

CERTIFICATION OF OWNERSHIP OF CENTURY FARM

I hereby certify that the farm for which Richard L. Penken

Owner's name and address

Rt. 1 Box 124 The Dalles is applying for Century Farm honors,

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

Date: June 30, 1970

John R. Threiner
~~*County Commissioner~~ ~~Recorder~~
County Extension Agent

*Please strike office not applicable

ENDORSEMENTS.

THE DALLES, WASCO COUNTY, ORE., August 18, 1905

We, the undersigned pioneer citizens of Wasco County, Oregon, having had by long residence here and participation in the history making events of Wasco County, ample opportunity to become thoroughly acquainted with everything that goes to make up the History of Wasco County, being selected as a committee to review the manuscript of the History of Central Oregon, which refers particularly to Wasco County, and also such other manuscripts of general history of the Northwest and the State of Oregon which are to be embodied in the volume above referred to and published by the Western Historical Publishing Company, certify as follows:

That we have examined with care all these above mentioned manuscripts, making such corrections as were needed; that the manuscripts show evidence of much conscientious and pains-taking labor; that they are, substantial, complete, accurate, authentic, and form a standard and reliable record of events from the earliest days of settlement to the present; and that we cheerfully and unreservedly commend and endorse these mentioned portions of the History of Central Oregon, as reliable and worthy.

Signed—

Committee { SAM'L L. BROOKS,
E. L. SMITH,
JOHN MICHELL.

CONDON, OREGON, August 5th, 1905

We, the undersigned, a committee of citizens of Gilliam County, Oregon, have read in manuscript form that part of the History of Central Oregon relating to Gilliam County, to be published by the Western Historical Publishing Company, of Spokane, Washington. The work bears evidence of extensive research and a careful compilation of data relative to the history of our county, and is a clear, comprehensive and accurate record of events in this county from the arrival of the first immigrants to the present time. As such we endorse and commend it as substantially accurate.

Signed—

Committee { L. W. DARLING,
J. H. DOWNING,
JOHN HARRISON.

PRINEVILLE, OREGON, August 7th, 1905

We, a committee of Crook County citizens, have examined in manuscript form that part of the History of Central Oregon relating to Crook County, which is to be published by the Western Historical Publishing Company, of Spokane, Washington. We have made some corrections, and from our personal knowledge of events have made some additions thereto. To the best of our belief the history is accurate and as such we endorse it.

Signed—

Committee { ARTHUR HODGES,
KNOX HUSTON,
H. P. BELKNAP.

KLAMATH FALLS, OREGON, JUNE 13th, 1905

We, the undersigned, a committee of citizens of Klamath County, Oregon, have read in manuscript form, that part of the History of Central Oregon relating to Klamath County, to be published by the Western Historical Publishing Company, of Spokane, Washington. The work bears evidence of extensive research and a careful compilation of data relating to the history of our county, and is a clear, comprehensive and accurate record of events in the Klamath County from the arrival of the first immigrants up to the present time. As such we endorse and commend it as substantially accurate.

Signed—

Committee { O. A. STEARNS,
I. D. APPLGATE,
J. L. HANKS.

to the Hood River valley and bought fifteen acres of fine fruit land. Since then he has sold seven acres and still handles the place, three acres to strawberries and the rest to various crops.

On December 10, 1874, in Marion county, Illinois, Mr. Boggs married Miss Martha McIntosh, a native of Marion county, Illinois. Her father, Tilton McIntosh, was born in Tennessee and married Lucy A. Mercer, a native of Illinois. He died soon after marriage and his widow then married Andrew Copple in Marion county, whose father, Simpson Copple, lives in the Hood River valley and is mentioned in this volume.

On June 10, 1888, in Marion county, Illinois, Mrs. Boggs was called away by death. She left a family of three children, the oldest Grace, ten years of age. Mr. Boggs took up the burdens of life bravely after the departure of his wife and has raised his family and made a good showing with his labors. He has now three children living: Grace, wife of Arthur Getchell in the Hood River valley; Rosie, keeping house for her father; and Harvey.

Mr. Boggs is a member of the Christian church of which also his wife was a devoted member for sixteen years. They have three children who died in infancy, Ivy, Scott and an infant unnamed.

DAVID CREIGHTON resides three miles south of The Dalles and for over forty years has remained in this same place. He has shown himself a man of most excellent qualities and in these long years has so conducted himself that he is the recipient of the good will and deep respect of all who have known him. His place is a valuable one and is wisely and beautifully improved. His residence is a commodious structure, tasty and beautifully surrounded by pleasant grounds, while his entire farm is a model of good husbandry. His labors have been constant, and wisely bestowed and his prosperity is but the due reward for such industry and thrift.

David Creighton was born in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, on January 8, 1835, the son of James and Maria (Hart) Creighton, natives of Ireland and Delaware, respectively. The father came with his parents when fifteen and settled in Pennsylvania. He became a marine engineer and followed river steamboating for many years. The mother died in Ohio, in 1858. When David was four years of age he was brought by his parents to the frontier of Ohio and there he was reared and educated. He was of studious habits and acquired a good education, even though on the frontier, and soon began the important work of teaching school. In 1855, his father and older

brother came west to Oregon, via the isthmus and California. They settled in Clackamas county and took a donation claim. The mother remained with our subject until her death in 1858, when he came on to Oregon, arriving here in the spring of 1859. He immediately went to teaching school in Clackamas county. After that he went to the mining regions of Idaho and dug the golden sands on the Salmon river. In 1862, he came to The Dalles and bought the land where he now resides, and since then has been one of the leading and substantial men of the county. He has shown excellent wisdom and has wrought with a determination and stability that have stimulated much worthy effort in this country for its development.

At The Dalles, on May 27, 1876, Mr. Creighton married Miss Ida Krauss, a native of Portland. Her parents were natives of Germany. Mr. Creighton has one brother, Samuel, retired in The Dalles, and his wife has one brother, George, a fruit grower near by, and two sisters, Caroline, widow of Bernhard Rorten, of Portland, and Laura, wife of J. H. Johnston, of Dufur. To this worthy couple six children have been born; Elva M., at home; James G., a druggist in San Francisco; Emma L., Lola A., Leland, and Vera, all at home. Mr. Creighton is a Republican and as much as his business allows takes an active part in the political campaigns. He is very stanch and well informed and is a man of benevolence and integrity and has hosts of friends.

FREDERIC H. HILLGEN is one of the leading farmers of the Tygh ridge. He is a member of the family of Hillgens, all of whom have made excellent success in farming and stock raising in this county. The father is one of the heaviest land owners in Wasco county and is a man of remarkable ability in his chosen enterprise. Our subject dwells about nine miles south from Dufur, and owns a nice estate of five hundred and forty acres, half of which is under cultivation. The place shows marks of thrift and enterprise and its annual returns are very gratifying. The improvements on the farm are of the best and the residence is a two story, tasty and elegant building. Mr. Hillgen has labored since childhood in this county and on this place for about five or six years. He is well acquainted with Wasco county and many of its citizens and is himself numbered with the leading young men.

Frederic H. Hillgen was born in San Francisco, California, on February 14, 1872, the son of Henry and Louise (Hagan) Hillgen. The father came from Germany, where he was born