

CFR 0464

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Fischbuch

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 CHESTER FISCHBUCH

Your address: Route 4 P.O. Box 39 Town SHERWOOD

Location of farm: RT4 - Box 39 WASH
(Address) (County)

Acres in your farm today 100. Acres in original farm 320.

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

Name of founder of farm (please print): ERWIN Cummins

Year founder settled on farm? 1861. Where did he come from? ILLINOIS

How many families have farmed this land? 4 including myself

Are any of original buildings still in use? NO

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? GREAT GRANDSON

If you know crops or livestock raised on farm 100 years ago, please list HAY GRAIN

CATTLE, ONIONS

What do you raise on farm today? ONIONS, HAY, GRAIN, CATTLE

How many generations live on the farm today? (Names) (2) MR+MRS CHESTER FISCHBUCH
and SON GLENN HOWARD FISCHBUCH

Has the farm ever been rented? NO. How many times has original farm been divided? 3

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.

Chester Fischbuch
Signature of Owner

Mary Nell Fischbuch (wife)

SUBMITTED BY: Mr + Mrs CHESTER FISCHBUCH
(Name and address)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

My Great Grandfather Erwin Cummins was born in Steuben County New York, he moved to Michigan and then to Illinois. From Illinois he came to Oregon in the year 1852

He married Martha Jane Bird in the year 1839. They had two children when they came to Oregon, Annie + Steuben and when they took a donation land claim they had another child her name was Louisa

Erwin Cummins was the first man to grow onions on the beaverdam at Cipole where I still grow onions today. He also was a expert at brick laying and he helped build the first brick building in Portland and he help build the Court House in Hellsboro.

Mr Cummins was a Republican in his politics on April 6th 1885 he died

Louisa Cummins daughter of Erwin Cummins married Joseph Galbreath in the year 1877 They lived on the old donation land claim where she was born.

Mr + Mrs Joseph Galbreath had a family of ten children as follows.

Arthur, Clara, Eva, Ella, Jane, Mon, John Anna, Raymond, Della

Eva Galbreath the daughter of Joseph Galbreath,
Married August Fischbuch in the year 1907
She inherited some land of the Original donation
land claim and later bought some more of it
They had three children Helen, Chester and Jane

August Fischbuch farmed this land until
his death in the year 1931

After my fathers death I took over and
ran the farm for my mother until 1955
Then I acquired the farm from my mother

State Department of Agriculture
Oregon Historical Society

CERTIFICATION OF OWNERSHIP OF CENTURY FARM

I hereby certify that the farm for which

Shester
owner's name and address

Jim Bluck is applying for Century Farm honors,

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

Date: April 25, 1965

Clayton K. Berg
*County Commissioner Recorder

*Please strike office not applicable

...the farm was designated
a century farm in 1965 and after 100 years still produces.

Cipole onion farm into second century

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By MIKEL KELLY

The Chester Fischbuch farm, which consists of 63 acres in and around the onion flats at Cipole, is just about as old as any in the local area.

Chet and Mary Fischbuch and their 18-year-old son Glenn amount to the fourth and fifth generations to inhabit the onion operation, designated an official Century Farm in 1965 by then-Governor Mark Hatfield at the state fair.

Founder of the farm was Erwin Cummins, who was born in New York and came to Oregon in 1852, via Michigan and Illinois. He and his wife Martha, plus children Annie and Steuben, settled in an area later to be known as Cipole. Another daughter, Louisa, was born after the move to Oregon.

Cummins claimed the original 320-acre spread under the Donation Land Claim Act and settled the farm in 1861. A veteran onion grower, he was the first farmer to grow onions on the Cipole beaver dam. To this day, onions are still the principal crop on the century farm.

In addition to his knowledge of onion culture, Cummins was an expert bricklayer; he built the first brick building in Portland, believed to be the Ladd Bank building. In lieu of wages on that job, he was given a city block in downtown Portland, valued at \$300. A year later he sold it for twice that amount. He also helped to construct the old county courthouse in Hillsboro, in 1878.

Handed down

In 1885, Erwin Cummins died, and was buried at the Robert Bird Cemetery at Stafford.

In 1877, Louisa Cummins married Joseph Galbreath, the son of Samuel and Sarah Spencer Galbreath, who had crossed the plains with their two sons in 1852.

Joseph and Louisa bought 170 acres of the farm from her father, and inherited another 95 after his death. In 1891, the Galbreaths built a more modern home on the site, which served the family for the next half-century.

Joseph and Louisa had 10 children, and the third, Eva, married August Fischbuch in 1907. The couple purchased part of the original land grant from Galbreath to add to the portion Eva had inherited.

According to an account in the Aug. 5, 1965 Tri-City News, August Fischbuch was born in Russia in 1879. The family came first to Canada, and in the mid-1880s moved to Sherwood, then known as Smockville. Three children were born to August and Eva: Helen, Chester and Jane. The daugh-

ters married and moved away, and in 1955, when Eva settled her estate, the deed went to Chester.

Chester, known to friends and neighbors as Chet, still harvests onions on the century farm, as well as hay and grain.

Hot shot

Chet married Mary Forrester of Union City, Tenn. in 1961. They have one son, Glenn, who will enter Portland State University this fall.

Born right there on the farm, Chet was educated at Cipole Elementary and Tigard High Schools. For a time he was active on the Cipole School Board and in the local school parents club. He is a member of the McMinnville Elks Lodge and the family attends Tigard Christian Church. At one time, Chet was well known in trap shooting circles, and he held the Oregon state singles championship in 1963.

The Fischbuch's present house, a roomy white structure fronting Cipole Road, is the third to be built on the old farm. The first was a log cabin built by Erwin Cummins when he first settled there. The existing home was built in 1935.

"I could kill myself—twice," says Mary Fischbuch, thinking back on some of the twists of fate that have occurred around the place. "When Chet and I got married, this place was just full of junk—to me." With eyeballs rolling in mock disgust, she explains how they loaded up "worthless" furniture and knick-knacks in a truck and hauled them away to be buried.

They still find Indian arrowheads around the farm, says Mary—especially in the onion field where each year the ground gets a good scratching from the machinery.

The onion flats have been a way of life for local farmers for generations. In the winter, say the Fischbuchs, the flooded field provides a lake for boating. "We can put our boat in here and go to Scholls," says Mary. When the surface freezes, the local people use it for ice skating.

One of the latest episodes in the lives of the Cipole-area residents is the county's approval of a 35-acre motorcycle park, which abuts the Fischbuch farm. Mary, who has been an outspoken opponent of the facility, refers to an 1893 account of the local area by Rev. H.K. Hines, and draws a parallel.

"Mr. Cummins prospered and improved his land and comforts came to the wilderness," wrote Hines, of the constant worries that confronted the settlers.

"Now that's what I get a kick out of," says Mary with a husky laugh—"Wilderness. They fought Indians and I fight motorcycle tracks."

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