

CFR 0469

Muriel Martin Altimus and Thomas J. Altimus

APPLICATION FOR CENTURY FARM HONORS

Location and size of farm 50 Acres located on Three Mile Lane
Route 1- Box 125 McMinnville, Oregon

Present owner Mrs. Meirel Martin Altimus + husband Thomas
Address Rt. 1- Box 125 - McMinnville, Oregon J. Altimus

Do you live on this farm and farm the land? Yes

Do you make \$150 a year or more from this farm? Yes

If you live off this land, do you manage the farm operation? Yes

Name and date of first generation owner ^{1st} Nehemiah and Eliza Lois
Martin - ^{2nd} Isaiah Morris Martin - ^{3rd} Meirel Martin Altimus

Brief description of farm Located on Three Mile Lane highway
about 1 mile from McMinnville on road going to
Dayton.

History Nehemiah Martin and wife crossed the plains
with wagon and ox-team and arrived in Oregon Dec. 10, 1844
and settled on 640 Acre land claim July 6, 1850 recorded by
Genealogy Society - Oregon Donation Claim Book No. 966
Affidavit signed by David M. Jesse, Cyrus B. Hawley and Wm T. Newby.

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July 19, 1958
[Signature]

Meirel Martin Altimus
Signature of present owner

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AFFIDAVIT

I, Muriel Martin Altimus being first duly sworn and on oath, depose and state that statements made on the attached application are true and that the real property described therein has been owned or managed in the same family, passing through brothers or sisters, or sons or daughters, to their children's children or adopted children and that all other requirements for a Century Farm Certificate, as set forth in the regulations, have been met to the best of my knowledge and I make this affidavit in support of my eligibility for this Honor.

Muriel Martin Altimus
Signature of owner

STATE OF OREGON)
) ss.
County of Yamhill)

On this 15 day of July, 1958, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared the within named Muriel Martin Altimus who is known to me to be the identical individual described in and who executed the same freely and voluntarily.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year last above written.

Bernice E. Pearson
Notary Public
My Commission Expires Jan 26-1959

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CENTURY FARM REGISTRATION

OREGON STATE FAIR -- SEPTEMBER 8, 1959

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1. Name: Messiel Martin Altmeppen (Hao. J.)
2. Postoffice Address: McMinnville, Oregon
3. County in which your farm is located: Yamhill
4. How old is your farm? ¹¹⁴1845. How old are you? 61.
5. Who founded your Century Farm? Nehemiah Martin
6. How many miles did you travel to come today? 25
7. Did you receive a Century Farm award at last year's State Fair? yes
8. Do you have Century Farm land on both husband and wife sides of the family? no
9. How many generations of your family live on the farm today? ~~2~~ 1
10. How many exhibits do you have at the 1959 Oregon State Fair? none
 What are they? _____

11. How many years have you belonged to the Oregon Historical Society or your county Historical Society? none

REGISTRATION CENTURY FARM CELEBRATION

OREGON STATE FAIR, September 6, 1960

1. Check which year you received Century Farm Award:

1958 _____
1959 _____
1960 _____

2. Name: Musiel Martin Altman

3. Postoffice Address: Rt 1-Box 125 Mc Minnville, Oregon

4. What county is your Century Farm in? Yamhill

5. How old is your farm? 1848 - 112 yrs. How old are you? 62 years

6. Who founded your Century Farm? Zebaniah Martin

7. How many miles did you travel to come today? 25 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? 3rd

10. How many exhibits do you have at the 1960 Oregon State Fair? none

What are they? _____

Century farmer recalls her past

The little girl raced through the streets of McMinnville, hair flapping in the wind, trying to reach home before her father left to go to the mill.

Seventy years later, Muriel Altimus still recalls proudly perching on top of the wagon which her father drove to the mill, where Ivan Daniels, the miller, always gave her a nickel.

Muriel Altimus has spent all of her 78 years in the house she was born in, a two-story structure on the Altimus century farm in the eastern outskirts of McMinnville.

The farm was founded by Nehemiah and Eliza Lois Martin, who came from Missouri in 1844 with a wagon hauled by a team of oxen. After the death of these early pioneers, their land was distributed among their eight children, one of whom was Isaiah Martin. Muriel Altimus is one of Isaiah Martin's children, and she still has fond memories of life with her father.

"He got me a pony that I called 'Dolly,'" recalls Mrs. Altimus. "Each morning he would put a saddle on Dolly, and I would ride her among the oak trees thinking how much fun it was."

Her uncle Abe regularly visited the Martin farm, and despite his closeness to the fireplace, he commonly missed the fire when spitting out his chewing tobacco — leaving stains around the fireplace that have only recently been finally covered with an umpteenth coat of paint.

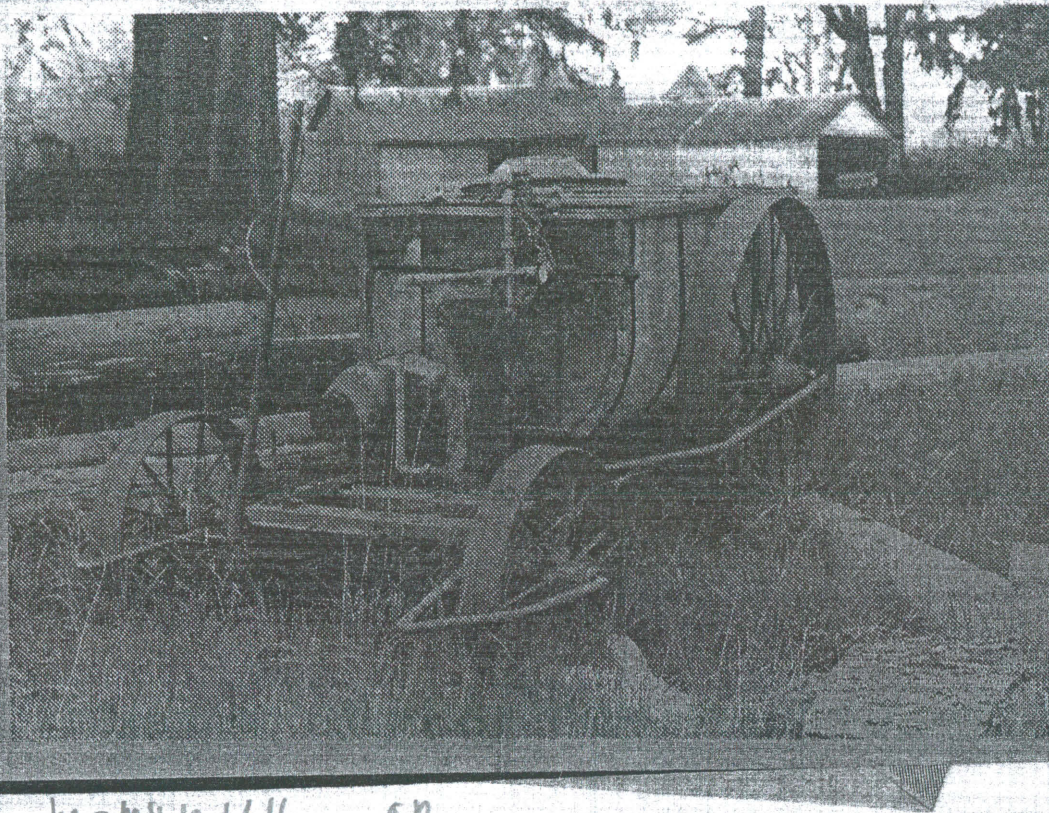
The fireplace is a massive structure built of large slabs of stone quarried near Willamina. It has endured the effects of time, and is still quite functional.

The 100-year-old house contains another unusual feature: when her father built it, he disdained to use the then-common mosaics of windows, consisting of many small panes of glass, but instead chose to install the now-common large panes of glass, about a yard square.

Mrs. Altimus served as a News-Register correspondent for 33 years, continuing more than a decade after she was widowed in 1958. She owns 63 acres, 40 of which are from the original 640 acre land claim. An 18 acre filbert orchard planted during the depression was recently taken out, with the land planted into grain. Her brother-in-law, Roy Altimus, farms the land.

Poplar and pine trees overlook the house, remnants of a different time, when a little girl padded down city streets, racing to reach her home before her daddy left to go to the mill.

A CENTURY OLD — Through an adjoining field of flowers, Muriel Altimus points to her 100-year-old house. She lives on one of many century farms in Yamhill County.



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