

CFR 0493

Mr. and Mrs. Russell May

APPLICATION FOR CENTURY FARM HONORS

Location and size of farm Located 3 1/2 miles south
of Dayton. Consists of 18 2/100 acres
Present owner Mr. and Mrs. Russell May
Address Box 45 Rt. 2, Dayton

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

Do you make \$150.00 a year
or more from this farm? yes

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

Name and date of first generation owner Abram and Martha
Covert bought this ground in 1852

Brief description of farm Farm planted to hay, grain
and berries. Has white painted, large henhouses and
incubator house. 2 large oak trees, white cape cod house.

History My grandparents (original owners) gave 1 acre
on the north end to the Webfoot Methodist Church and
one acre on the south end to build the school house
on. Dist no 27. A group of Chinese did some land clearing.

Approved
July 18, 1958
[Signature]
Co. Judge

Mrs. Russell May
Signature of present owner

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AFFIDAVIT

I. Mrs Russell May 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.

Mrs Russell May
Signature of owner

STATE OF OREGON)
) ss.
County of Yamhill)

On this 7 day of July, 1958, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared the within named Mrs Russell May 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.

Virginia M Palmer
Notary Public
My Commission Expires Sept 18 1959



'I Remember', Says Mrs. Russell May

Descendants Still Farming Land Claim

By Mrs. Ruth Doud
News-Register Correspondent

Editor's Note — This is the second in a series of articles on Century Farms in Yamhill county.

WEBFOOT — A century sounds like a long time, but as I sat with Mr. and Mrs. Russell May in their lovely, modern home while she recalled watching her grandmother weave and spin, somehow it didn't seem so long ago.

Mrs. May was among the century farmers honored this fall at the state fair. Her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Abram Coovert, arrived in the Willamette valley by wagon train in the fall of 1851. The group wintered at Peach Tree hill, near Salem, and in the spring of 1852, Mr. Coovert established his home here. Mrs. May's mother, Ida Coovert Harris, was born in 1858 and remained on the home place until her death in 1909.

The original house burned, and many of the early records were
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ORIGINAL HOMESTEAD of Coovert century farm and the first generation of dwellers are pictured. The farm is located in Webfoot and owned by Mr. and Mrs. Russell May. Shown from left are Ida Coovert Harris, Newton Harris, Wanda Harris Versteeg, Winona Harris May, Abram Coovert and Gladys Harris Dosey of Pleasantdale.

I asked Mrs. Dorsey if she could recall anything about the early farming. After some thought, she

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