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Raymond G. Adams

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APPLICATION FOR CENTURY FARM HONORS

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(Please print or type) Telephone #:
Your Name (Mr., Mrs., Ms., Miss) Raymond G. Adams
Your Address Redacted for Privacy
Street, Route or Box # City Zip Code
Location of Farm Redacted for Privacy Polk County
To qualify as a Century Farm, a farm must have a gross income from farm use of not less than \$1,000.00 per year for three out of the five years immediately preceding application for Century Farm honors. Does your farm meet this qualification? Yes
Name of family member who was founder or original owner of farm: James Huston Mulkey
Founder gained ownership of farm in (Year) 1883 (ATTACH VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION, See Rule 9).
Founder came to Oregon from
Who farms the land today? Owner
Relationship to original owner Great Grand Father
Are any of the original buildings still in use? yes
If yes, which ones? House
If you know crops or livestock raised on farm one hundred years ago, please list: Hay - Horses - Cattle
What do you raise on the farm today? Hay - Llama - rye grass
(Small Grain)
How many generations live on the farm today? one
Please list names: Raymond G. Adams and Donna M. Adams
Do you declare that the statements made above are accurate and correct to the best of your knowledge? yes
Surger of Owner Worne M. adams

Please return forms to: Century Farm Program, Oregon Historical Society 1200 S. W. Park Ave., Portland, OR 97205-2483

STATEMENT FORM

I, Raymond G. Adams
hereby affirm and declare that the farm which I own at
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(Full Address)
in County,
shall have been owned by my family as specified in Rule 2 of
the RULES FOR 1995 CENTURY FARM PROGRAM for at least one hundred
years by no later than December 31, 1995.
Signature
Acknowledgement (for use of Notary Public)
STATE OF OREGON
County of Polk
BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this $\frac{\partial \mathcal{B}}{\partial \mathcal{B}}$ day of $\frac{\partial \mathcal{B}}{\partial \mathcal{B}}$
19 <u>95</u> , before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for
said County and State, personally appeared the within named Raymond G. Adams
nown to me to be the identical individual described in and who
executed the within instrument and acknowledged to me that He
executed the same freely and voluntarily.
In Testimony Whereof, I have set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year last above written. Notary Public for Oregon
Commission Expires 5-18-96

James Huston Mulkey Cred States of Great Grand fullion. Edna mulky - marries william Ray mond Adams present Owner 197

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for the consideration of the sum of On Whou and
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rances, and that New will warrant and defend the same from all lawful claims whateverer
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STATE OF OREGON,
County of Paled
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nd in and for said County, the within named Luxu Mult

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that he executed the same full and voluntarely

No. 13705.1

Emily J. Wulkey, husband and wife, of Monmouth, Polk County, State of Oregon, in consideration of Seven hundred and fifty and 00/100 (\$750.00)

Dollar Dollars paid by William Ray Adams, of the same place,

ha ve bargained and sold and by these presents grant, bargain, sell and convey unto said William Ray Adams, his

heirs and

assigns, all the following bounded and described real property, situated in the County of Polk, and State of Oregon:

Beginning at a point 53.26 chains East from the Worthwest corner of the Donation Land Claim of Aaron Burbank and wife, Votification Wo. 1587, Claim No. 40, in Township 8 South of Range 5 West, and Claim No. 48, in Township 8 South of Range 4 West of the Willamette Meridian, in said County, and running thence South 15.62 chains; thence East 8.96 chains; thence North 15.62 chains, and thence West 8.96 chains to the place of beginning, containing 14 scres, more or less.

the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, and also all OUP estate, together with all and singular right, title and interest in and to the same, including dower and claim of dower.

To have and to hold the above described and granted premises unto the said William Ray Adams, his heirs and assigns, forever. And we above named, do covenant to and with the above named grantee, his grantor s heirs and assigns, that we are lawfully seized in fee simple of the above granted premises; that the above granted premises are free from all incumbrances:

and that we will and our heirs, executors and administrators, shall warrant and forever defend the above granted premises, and every part and parcel thereof, against the lawful claims and demands of all persons whomsoever.

In Witness Whereol, the grantor s above named, hereunto sex nands and seals this 25th day of May, 1917.

ed and Delivered in the Presence of Ue as JAMES H. MULKEY. SEAL J. B. Y. Butler. EMILY J. MULKEY...... SEAL Fannie H. Butler.

STATE OF OREGON.

County of Polk

Be 3t Remembered, That on this 25th day of May, 1917, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared the within named James H. Mulkey and before me, the undersigned,

Rmily J. Mulkey, husband and wife, to be the identical person 8 described in and who executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that they to me personally known executed the same freely and voluntarily, for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

In Cestimony Calherrol, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal the day and year last above written.

J. B. Y. Butler,

Notary Public in and for the State of Oregon.

My commission will expire Feb. 25, 1921.

(Notarial Seal)

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No. 11871 (

Know all flen by Chest Presents, That we, the undersigned, JAMES H. MULKEY and EMILY J. MULKEY, husband and wife, of Monmouth, Polk County, State of Oregon, in consideration of Ten Dollars and other valuable considerations to us paid by WILLIAM RAY ADAMS, of the same Place,

have bargained and sold and by these presents

do grant, bargain, sell and convey unto said William Ray Adams, his

beirs and

assigns, all the following bounded and described real property, situated in the County of and State of Oregon:

Beginning at a point 37.97 chains East from the Northwest corner of the Donation Land Claim of Aaron Burbank and wife, Notification No. 1587, Claim No. 40, in Township 8 South, Range 5 West, and Claim No. 48 in Township 8 South, Range 4 West of Willamette Meridian, in the County of Polk and State of Oregon, and running thence South 15.62½ chains; thence East 15.29 chains; thence North 15.62½ chains; and thence West 15.29 chains to the Place of beginning, containing 23.89 acres, more or less;

the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, and also all our estate, right, title and interest in and to the same, including dower and claim of dower.

to pute and to pole the above described and granted premises unto the said beirs and assigns, forever. And we, the above named, do covenant to and with the above named grantee his beirs and assigns, that said James H. Mulkey is lawfully seized in fee simple of the above granted premises; that the above granted premises are free from all incumbrances:

and that we will and our heirs, executors and administrators, and demands of all persons whomsoever.

In Elliness Ellherred. We, the grantor 8 above named, hereunto set hand 8 and seal 8 this 28th day of December, 1916.

Signed. Scaled and Delivered in the Processes of Uo to Witnesses:

Fannie H. Butler

Jay. V. Butler Jr. SEAL

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STATE OF OREGON,
County of Palk

Be 3t Rememberth, That on this

day of

before me, the undersigned,
a Notary Public in and for said County and State, perconally appeared the within named James H. Mulkey and

Emily J. Mulkey, husband and wife,
to be the identical persons described in and who executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that they
executed the same freely and voluntarily, for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

In Testimony Whertest, I have bereunto set my hand and official seal the day and year last above written.

Notary Public in and for the State of Oregon.

Commission expires March 16, 1917.

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	do hereby grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said grantee S., the line heirs and assigns, the following real property, with the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances, situated in the Court of Solid and State of Oregon, bounded and described as follows, to-wi
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9 9	beginning, containing 13.2 scres, some or less. To Have and to Hold the above described and granted premises unto the said grantee ,
9/3/	heirs and assigns forever. as tenants by the ontirety, their hairs and heir And he the grantor of do covenant that he grantor the grantor and covenant that he granted premises free from all encumbrances,
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20	and that we will and
	defend the above granted premises, and every part and parcel thereof, against the lawful claims a demands of all persons whomsoever.
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REC'D	instrument, and acknowledged to me that sexecuted the same freely and voluntar IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my offi seal the day and year last above written. Notary Public for Oregon.
	Notary Public for Oregon. My commission expires
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PAGE	S SPACE, RESERVED at O'Clock A.M., and record in book / 8 on page 4/7. E Record of Deeds of said County.
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County affixed.

GALE R. ADAMS, RAYMOND H. ADAMS and KEITH R. ADAMS convey

to RAYMOND H. ADAMS,

grantee , the following described

real property, to-wit:

PARCEL I: Beginning at the intersection of the East line of Polk County Road No. 851 with the center line of County Road No. 854, said point of intersection being approximately 1184.78 feet East of the Southwest corner of the Melvin D. Sturgis Donation Land Claim No. 39 in Township 8 South, Range 5 West of the Willamette Meridian, Polk County, Oregon; thence Northwesterly tracing the Easterly line of County Road No. 851 to the Southwest corner of that tract of land conveyed to Donald H. Sweringen et ux by Deed Book 187, Page 423; thence East tracing the South line of the Sweringen tract 1214.0 feet to the West boundary line of the Old State Highway 99W; thence South tracing the West boundary of State Highway 99W to the North line of the Aaron Burbank Donation Land Claim; thence West tracing the North line of the Aaron Burbank Donation Land Claim to the place of beginning. EXCEPTING THEREFROM, however, the following described tract of land to-wit: Beginning at the intersection of the East line of Polk County Road No. 851 with the center line of County Road No. 854, said point of intersection being approximately 1184.78 feet East of the Southwest corner of the Melvin D. Sturgis Donation Land Claim No. 39 in Township 8 South, Range 5 West of the Willamette Meridian, Polk County, Oregon; thence Northwesterly tracing the Easterly line of County Road No. 851, a distance of 358 feet; thence East 480 feet; thence South 325 feet, more or less, to the North line of the Aaron Burbank Donation Land Claim;

PARCEL II:
Beginning at the Southeast corner of the Benjamin
Whiteaker Donation Land Claim No. 65, Notification No.
2272, in Township 8 South, Range 5 West of the Willamette
Meridian in Polk County, Oregon, and running thence East
5.63 chains; thence North 20.64 chains; thence West 27.50
chains; thence South 20.65 chains; thence East 21.87 chains
to the place of beginning, and containing 56.75 acres,
more or less. SAVE AND EXCEPT the following described
tract of land, to-wit: Beginning at an iron bar on the
West line of the Melvin Sturgis Donation Land Claim No.
39 in Township 8 South, Range 5 West of the Willamette
Meridian, Polk County, Oregon, which is 1716.20 feet
South 2°04'48" West from the Northwest corner of said

thence West tracing the North line of the Aaron Burbank Donation Land Claim to the place of beginning.

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Claim, said point being the Northeast corner of the Edna Adams property; and running thence along the North line of said Adams tract North 87°36'37" West NOTER line of said Adams tract North 8/35-3/- West 1119.00 feet; thence South 2.04'48" West parallel with the West line of said Sturgis Claim 1362.24 feet to a the South line of the Registration Whitesher the West line of said Sturgis Claim 1362.24 feet to a point on the South line of the Benjamin Whiteaker Donation Land Claim No. 65 in Township 8 South, Range 5 West of the Willamette Meridian, Polk County, Oregon; thence South 87°36'37" East 1119.00 feet along the South line of said Claim No. 65 and its Easterly South line of said Claim No. 65 and its Easterly extension to a point on the West line of said Melvin Sturgis Claim No. 39; thence along said West line North Sturgis Claim No. 39; thence along said West line North 2°04'48" East 1362.24 feet to the place of beginning.

There is no consideration for this conveyance.

Dated this 30th day of July , 1977.

Gale R. Adams

Raymond Adams

Keith R. alams

STATE OF OREGON,)

Water Street, Street,

Personally appeared the above-named GALE R. ADAMS and County of Polk. acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his voluntary act and deed.

Before me this 30th day of July

My Commission expires: August 16, 1978

STATE OF OREGON,) County of Polk.

Personally appeared the above-named RAYMOND H. ADAMS and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his voluntary act and deed.

Before me this 30th day of July , 1977.

My Commission expires: August 16, 1978

STATE OF OREGON, County of Polk

Personally appeared the above-named KEITH R. ADAMS and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his voluntary act and deed.

Before me this 30th day of July

Notary Public for Oregon

My Commission expires: August 16, 1978

When recorded, return to: Mr. Raymond H. Adams Route 3, Box 100 Dallas, Oregon 97338

Send tax statements to: Mr. Raymond H. Adams Route 3, Box 100 Dallas, Oregon 97338 229261

STATE OF OREGON. County of Polk

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RAYMOND H. ADAMS, grantor, conveys to
RAYMOND H. ADAMS, individually as to an undivided four-tenths
interest, and to RAYMOND H. ADAMS, as trustee, as to an undivided
six-tenths interest, grantees, the following described real
property, to-wit:

Beginning at the intersection of the East line of Polk County Road No. 851 with the center line of County Road No. 854, said point of intersection being approximately 1184.78 feet East of the Southwest corner of the Melvin D. Sturgis Donation Land Claim No. 39 in Township 8 South, Range 5 West of the Willamette Meridian, Polk County, Oregon; thence Northwesterly tracing the Easterly line of County Road No. 851 to the Southwest corner of that tract of land conveyed to Donald H. Sweringen et ux by Deed Book 187, Page 423; thence East tracing the South line of the Sweringen tract 1214.0 feet to the West boundary line of the Old State Highway 99W; thence South tracing the West boundary of State Highway 99W to the North line of the Aaron Burbank Donation Land Claim; thence West tracing the North line of the Aaron Burbank Donation Land Claim to the place of beginning. EXCEPTING THEREFROM, however, the following described tract of land, to-wit: Beginning at the intersection of the East line of Polk County Road No. 851 with the center line of County Road No. 854, said point of intersection being approximately 1184.78 feet East of the Southwest corner of the Melvin D. Sturgis Donation Land Claim No. 39 in Township 8 South, Range 5 West of the Willamette Meridian, Polk County, Oregon; thence Northwesterly tracing the Easterly line of County Road No. 851, a distance of 358 feet; thence East 480 feet; thence South 325 feet, more or less, to the North line of the Aaron Burbank Donation Land Claim; thence West tracing the North line of the Aaron Burbank Donation Land Claim to the place of beginning.

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There is no consideration for this conveyance.

The terms of the trust under which the said Raymond H. Adams shall hold said undivided six-tenths interest hereinabove conveyed and his powers as such trustee are the same as such terms and powers as are set forth in paragraph IV and V, respectively, of the last will and testament of Edna Adams which was admitted to probate by order of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Polk County

dated May 18, 1977 (Clerk's Register No. P 6111), which such terms and powers are by this reference incorporated herein.

Dated this 30th day of July , 1977.

Raymon H Adame

STATE OF OREGON,
County of Polk

Personally appeared the above-named Raymond H. Adams and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his voluntary act and deed.

Before me this 30th day of July , 1977.

Notary Public for Oregon.

My Commission expires: August 16, 1978

After recording, return to: Mr. Raymond H. Adams Route 3, Box 100 Dallas, Oregon 97338

Send tax statements to: Mr. Raymond H. Adams Route 3, Box 100 Dallas, Oregon 97338

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STATE OF OREGON.

Allene Kettleson, Co. Clerk

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DEED

RAYMOND H. ADAMS, individually, and as Trustee under the terms of the Trust of the Last Will and Testament of EDNA ADAMS, deceased, Probate No. P6111, grantor, conveys and warrants to RAYMOND G. ADAMS and DONNA M. ADAMS, husband and wife, grantees, the following described real property, free of encumbrances except as specifically set forth herein:

Beginning at the intersection of the East line of Polk County Road No. 851 with the center line of County Road No. 854, said point of intersection being approximately 1184.78 feet East of the Southwest corner of the Melvin D. Sturgis Donation Land Claim No. 39 in Township 8 South, Range 5 West of the Willamette Meridian, Polk County, Oregon; thence Northwesterly tracing the Easterly line of County Road No. 851 to the Southwest corner of that tract of land conveyed to Donald H. Sweringen et ux by Deed Book 187, Page 423; thence East tracing the South line of the Sweringen tract 1214.0 feet to the West boundary line of the Old State Highway 99W; thence South tracing the West boundary of State Highway 99W to the North line of the Aaron Burbank Donation Land Claim; thence West tracing the North line of the Aaron Burbank Donation Land Claim to the place of beginning. EXCEPTING THEREFROM, however, the following described tract of land, to-wit: Beginning at the intersection of the East line of Polk County Road No. 851 with the center line of County Road No. 354, said point of intersection being approximately 1184.78 feet East of the Southwest corner of the Melvin D. Sturgis Donation Land Claim No. 39 in Township 8 South, Range 5 West of the Willamette Meridian, Polk County, Oregon; thence Northwesterly tracing the Easterly line of County Road No. 851, a distance of 358 feet; thence East 480 feet; thence South 325 feet, more or less, to the North line of the Aaron Burbank Donation Land Claim; thence West tracing the North line of the Aaron Burbank Donation Land Claim to the place of beginning.

SUBJECT TO the rights of the public in and to roads and roadways.

SUBJECT TO the potential reassessment of the abovedescribed premises and the imposition of additional taxes, penalties or interest if said premises hereafter become disqualified for farm use assessment. The grantees assume and agree to pay any such additional taxes, penalties or interest.

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The true consideration for this conveyance is \$47,000.00.

Dated this ______ day of May, 1978.

Andividually and as Trustee

STATE OF OREGON,)
County of Polk.

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this day of May, 1978 by Raymond H. Adams individually and as

Morary Public for Oregon.

My Commission expires: 7/3//20

AFTER RECORDING, RETURN TO:

SEND TAX STATEMENTS TO:

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STATE OF OREGON)

County of Polk

SS. POLK. COUNTY OREGON

I hereby certify that the within was received and duty recorded by me in Polk i County records:

Reel 126 Page 942 BY COUNTY CLERK

Myrl P. Mulkey and Katherine C. Mulkey, h&w

to

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W. Ray Adams and Edna Adams, H&w

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Photos by Timothy J. Gonzalez/StatesmanJournal

CENTURY FARMS RICH IN FAMILY TRADITIONS

Raymond and Donna Adams take a stroll on their Century Farm near Dallas. The trees to the left of the homestead were planted when his grandparents bought the farm. Additions to the original two-story homestead can be seen at right.

"Rav's grandparents bought and sold horses and livestock with some minor farming and raising hay. His grandmother lived here until 1977. Right now the farm isn't large enough to support a family."

Donna Adams

About her Century Farm near Dallas

Farms' diversity a blessing

An abundance of crop choices is the hallmark of Oregon's Century Farms, their owners say.

By Kathleen Kreller

For the Statesman Journal

Monmouth farmer David Stump said he has generations of experience to keep his land, crops and livestock sustainable and profitable: 135 years

Stump owns one of 870 Century Farms across the state. These farms earn the designation from the Oregon Historical Society after an application process and verification that the same land has been in operation for at least 100 years by the same family. The program was started in conjunction with

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Oregon Centennial 1959 to honor these families.

Stump's 1,000-acre farm, where the house has been standing since 1860, is not large by today's commercial standards. But Stump said that when his great-grandfather bought the land, it would have been considered a large operation.

Stump, 60, no longer runs the entire farm by himself - he rents out portions of his land.

"It's all changed now, but when we were growing up we had cherries and walnuts and filberts, sheep, prunes, cattle, hay, grain, grass seed and holly at one time," he said. "Now I've rented most of it, but kept the

Stump attributes a century

of successful farming to hard work and a diversity of crops and growing seasons.

"You had to be open to change, to see what was happening and change with it if you had to," he said. "We worked hard and hoped for good crops and prices. We tried to have a crop coming in yearround."

A survey conducted by the Department of Sociology at Oregon State University seems to bear out the idea that the longterm viability of farms might be influenced by diversity of

Sheila Cordray, acting chairwoman of the sociology department, said the survey of about 250 Century Farm owners indicates the farms have used a vafilberts and one orchard grass riety of crops over a number of

Please see Farm. Page 6E



FLEXIBILITY: "You had to be open to change, to see what was happening and change with it if you had to," farmer David Stump says.

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"Diversity appears to be a characteristic of them. They seem to be shifting around to growing different kinds of crops," Cordray said. "At the same time, it seems fairly clear there was a lot more diversity in what people did a hundred years ago. They would tend to have livestock, crops and a fruit orchard."

Cordray said that diversity for farmers now could be limited to just two or three different crops.

"There is also the factor that of not having to pay a mortgage on the farm," she said. "But we haven't had a chance to compare these farms with other farms."

Ron Brentano, who coordinates the Century Farm program for the Oregon Historical Society, said the formula for success seems to become more complicated with the more they learn about farming.

The Century Farm program has been running more than 35 years. In 1995 alone, Brentano said, the Oregon Historical Society signed up 22 families into the

program.

"If anything, they happen to have families involved and the conditions are just right. They're just extremely prudent at managing their resources," Brentano said. "A lot of farms go under when the conditions get rough, economic conditions or the weather. These families have stuck it out through the worst of times and made extraordinary sacrifices through generations."

Brentano said the historical society is trying to promote the archives of century farms and build up an existing state database with information on what has been farmed and grown throughout Oregon.

He added that often the originai parns and houses are maintained throughout the life of the

"These families are preserving a piece of the vernacular architecture of the state," he said.

One farm with the original farm house still standing near Dallas belongs to Donna and

Raymond Adams, ho received certification as a entury Farm this year.

"Ray's grandpaints bought and sold horses and livestock with some minor farming and raising hay. His grandmother lived here until 1977," Donna Adams said. "Right now the farm isn't large enough to support a family."

Adams said she and her husband turned a portion into a wetlands area and rent out other plots of their farm.

"You have to have quite a bit of land to earn your living that way, and an ability to change crops is also key. But the smaller farms are endangered because you can't make a living," she said. "It's pretty neat to have a Century Farm program. It gives people incentive to keep some older structures around."

Donald and Ina Shields have lived on their Century Farm in Rickreall for 48 years. Ina Shields said there is no secret to keeping a farm successful, but diversity of crops is not alien to their farming practices.

Shields said her husband's great grandparents first purchased the farm and three generations of Shields have lived

"It's a lot of work. We've raised everything from vetch, alfalfa, clover hay, wheat, oats and rye grass," said Ina Shields, 83. "We were just exceptionally fortunate." 5087